

Water-Damaged Electrical Equipment Infographic



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WATER-DAMAGED ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT



ESFI recommends that the evaluation of water-damaged electrical equipment be conducted by **qualified electricians**. Floodwaters contaminated with chemicals, sewage, oil, and other debris can affect the **integrity and performance** of electrical equipment. Ocean water and salt spray can be **particularly damaging** due to the corrosive and conductive nature of the saltwater residue. Returning power to water-damaged electrical devices or equipment without a proper evaluation could result in an **electrical fire, shock, electrocution, or further damage to your device**.

WATER DAMAGED ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

MUST BE REPLACED

MAY BE RECONDITIONED

	Arc-Fault and Ground-Fault Circuit Interrupters			Panelboards <small>See NEMA Standard: PB 1.1-2013</small>	
	Batteries			Receptacles	
	High-Voltage AC Circuit Breakers			Signaling, Protection, and Communications Systems	
	Lighting, Ballasts, and LED Drivers			Surge Protective Devices	
	Low- and Medium-Voltage Fuses			Switchboards <small>See NEMA Standard: PB 2.1-2013</small>	
	Low- and Medium-Voltage Switchgear			Switches and Dimmers	
	Low-Voltage Power Circuit Breakers			Transformers <small>All dry type, control circuit, liquid-filled, cast-resin</small>	
	Molded-Case Circuit Breakers			Uninterruptible Power Supply	
	Motors <small>See Standard ANSI/IEEE 43-2013, A2 & A3, ANSI EASA AR100</small>			Wire or Cable for dry areas	
	Outlet and Junction Boxes <small>See NEMA standard OS 1-2008</small>			Wire or Cable for wet areas that have not been damaged / ends not exposed	

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Water damaged equipment that must be replaced:

- Arc-Fault and Ground-Fault Circuit Interrupters
- Batteries
- Lighting, Ballasts, and LED Drivers
- Low and Medium Voltage Fuses
- Molded-Case Circuit Breakers
- Outlet and Junction Boxes
- Receptacles
- Signaling, Protection, and Communications Systems
- Surge Protective Devices
- Switches and Dimmers
- Transformers
- Uninterruptible Power Supply
- Wire or Cable (for dry area)

Water damaged equipment that may be reconditioned:

- High Voltage AC Circuit Breakers
- Low and Medium Voltage Switchgear
- Low-Voltage Power Circuit Breakers
- Motors
- Panelboards
- Switchboards
- Wire or Cable (for wet areas that have not been damaged/ends not exposed)

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