

Memorable Legacy

Preserve Your Memories, Share Your Legacy



Floods, Winter Storms

Every day this world faces natural disasters. Floods in California, Winter Storms throughout the Midwest, Hurricanes in the Islands, and so many more throughout the world.

How can you save your Family Treasures?



From the [FEMA disaster website](#), here are some great tips to follow when Saving Your Family Treasures.

Steps to Save Your Family Treasures

With a little patience and prompt action, saving cherished photographs, letters, paintings, and other irreplaceable objects is possible. These step-by-step instructions will help you stabilize your treasured objects and buy you time to make an educated decision on further treatment and handling of

Quick Tips

Gentle air drying is best for all your treasured belongings—indoors, if possible. Hair dryers, irons, ovens, and prolonged exposure to sunlight will do irreversible damage. Increase indoor airflow with fans, open windows, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers. Photos, papers, books, and textiles should be frozen if you can't get them dry within 48 hours. Wrap items in freezer paper and place them in a frost-free freezer set at the lowest possible temperature.

your family mementos.

1. **Prioritize:** You may not be able to save everything, so focus on what's most important to you, whether for historic, monetary, or sentimental reasons.
2. **Create Space:** Spreading things out to dry takes up a lot of space! Be creative: gently clip photos to clotheslines, create a drying hammock out of plastic porch screen taped between two chairs, close the gaps in a drying rack with tulle or wrap the bars with pipe insulation for extra support.
3. **Handle with Care:** Use great caution in handling your heirlooms, which can be especially fragile when wet.

TIP SHEETS from FEMA for Natural Disasters:

[FEMA After The Fire Fact Sheet](#)

[FEMA After the Flood Fact Sheet](#)

[FEMA Water Damage Fact Sheet](#)

[FEMA Treasure Photos](#)

[FEMA Treasure Books](#)

[FEMA Treasure Documents and Paper](#)

Photographs

- Never pull apart wet photographs and negatives that are stuck together.
- If time allows, take a photo of your photograph to save a digital copy of it
- Clean photographs by rinsing them carefully in distilled water, if available, or in clean water if you cannot find distilled water.
- Air dry photos on a plastic screen or paper towel, or by hanging them by the corner with plastic clothespins.
- Don't let the image come into contact with other surfaces as it dries.

Books

- If you have books that were in sewage-contaminated water, they are hazardous to your health. Discard them or consult a professional conservator for advice.
- Remove dust jackets to dry separately.
- Place paper towels between the pages of wet books.
- For books that are damp or partially wet, if the books were in muddy, rusty, or salt water, rinse the books, one at a time, in a bucket or tub of clean water, holding the book closed tightly while dipping

Documents, Prints and Papers

- Remove paintings and prints from frames.
- Air dry items if you have only a few wet documents or papers, or if you have enough space to air dry all of your items.
- Air dry flat as individual sheets or in small piles up to a quarter inch high.
- Documents can be frozen if

you have too many pieces to air dry. It may take several weeks to several months for this process.



The Craft Time Corner

Do you need some dedicated time to work on your own crafts, scrapbooks, stamping, or anything else that is crafting? Join Christie for her Friday night crafting workshops. The Craft Time Corner workshops are hosted by Christie Johnson, owner of Memorable Legacy.

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We hope you enjoyed this newsletter. We are excited to help you and your loved ones move forward with any photo, genealogy, or family legacy projects.

Thank you so much for your trust and continued support. We look forward to continuing to serve you.



Thank you,

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