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## WE ALL LOVE OUR KITCHEN APPLIANCES - EXCEPT WHEN THEY CAUSE TROUBLE

Taking care of our appliances is important, did you know that one of the top reason people need to call in a restoration company is due to kitchen fires and flooding due to appliances not being cared for?

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### » DO'S & DON'TS - preventing kitchen fires

- DO keep your stove top clear of food and grease
- DO keep your toasters clear of all crumbs
- DO unplug any electrical appliances when not in use
- DO Keep a fire extinguisher handy
- DON'T leave the kitchen while you cook
- DON'T leave a microwave unattended or heat anything using metal

### WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF A KITCHEN FIRE

If you have a small kitchen fire, you can cover the pan with a lid, pour baking soda or salt on it (never use flour or water), or use a fire extinguisher. If the fire gets out of control, get everyone out of the house and call 911.

### » DO'S & DON'TS - preventing kitchen flooding

- DO Check your sink pipes on a regular basis for any leaking
- DO check your water supply lines, especially with a refrigerator that supplies water and ice
- DO be on the look out for bad seals around dishwashers and worn-out hoses
- DON'T neglect your garbage disposal! Keeping it clean and clear from clogs will keep your sink from overflow
- DON'T neglect thoroughly drying out your kitchen after a flood; otherwise you will have a mold issue

### WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF KITCHEN FLOODING

First thing first, get the water turned off. You can do this by either turning off the valves under the sink, or if you don't see the source you can turn off the home's main water line at the shutoff valve. Once this is done, find your electrical box and turn off the power to the home.

