



Owner of a flood affected, yellow-stickered house?

Building inspectors have checked your house and assessed it as “restricted access only”. This is shown by a “yellow sticker” placed on the side of the house. This allows access to the building to remove household goods, water damaged belongings, water damaged wall and floor linings and insulation, and the removal of silt from under the house. It does prevent the permanent return to the home until it is dried and flood damage repairs have been completed.

What needs to be done to get back into my house?



REMOVE CONTAMINATED/DAMAGED PROPERTY AND MATERIALS

- furniture, whiteware, joinery
- damaged flooring (if a particle board floor etc)
- wall linings and insulation
- kitchen and bathroom cabinets
- floor linings eg. carpet or lino (if Customwood etc).

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DRYING YOUR HOUSE OUT

A house will typically take several weeks to several months to dry out sufficiently to allow wall linings to be replaced and the home to be inhabited again. Daily opening of all doors and windows and artificial heating at night will speed the drying process up.

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HOUSE REPAIRS - REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR OF DAMAGE

- lodge an application for a FREE building consent
- a building inspector completes a pre-line inspection
- wall linings and insulation reinstatement
- floor linings eg carpet or lino and flooring (if damaged)
- install kitchen cabinets and bathroom cabinets
- re-decorate (paint, wallpaper etc)
- building inspections to confirm compliance with the building code.

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CODE COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE - RETURNING HOME

The Council will issue a Code Compliance Certificate. This is a very valuable document, as it provides certainty to assessors, banks and future owners that the flood damaged repairs have been independently inspected and comply with the building code. Your house is now safe to return to live in.