Plumbing Problems and Flooding

Adverse weather or broken pipes can lead to leaks, floods, and other plumbing problems. Serious water damage to University buildings not only disrupts research and campus operations but also can lead to mold and mildew problems.

**Flooding**

* In **non-emergency** situations, **notify the building coordinator** or call Facilities Services at 206-685-1411.
* If you can **safely** find the flooding source, **shut off the flow of water**.
* **Standing water,** if near a source of electricity, can pose an **electrocution** **hazard**.
  + **Stop** **using electrical equipment immediately.**
  + **Turn the equipment off**, but only if you can do it **safely**.
  + **Evacuate and call 911**
* If **chemical or biological hazards** are involved or suspected, **contact EH&S** at 206-543-7262.
* If **asbestos-containing material** (or any regulated material) **is damaged**, **contact Facilities Services** at 206-685-1411.

**Water Service Interrupted**

* **Notify your building coordinator** or call Facilities Services at 206-685-1411.
* **Stop food service operations** if proper sanitary facilities and **hand washing stations are unavailable**. Sanitary hot water must be available to process food.