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If My Basement Flooded, Do I Need To Replace My Water Heater

If you suspect your water heater has been damaged by flood water the cause of the failure must be diagnosed and corrective action taken to insure the proper operational environment and your safety. An [Aqueduct Plumbing & Air](#) certified technician can inspect your water heater to determine if it is safe for operation.

The Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA) has determined that any gas appliance exposed to flooding should be replaced. In a press release, GAMA advised against do-it-yourself repairs:

“With heavy rains bringing the possibility of severe flooding, it is important to remember that all flood-damaged plumbing, heating, cooling and electrical appliances and related systems should be replaced, rather than repaired... (GAMA) stresses that the repair of flooded appliances and related systems (including damaged venting and electrical connections) is not a job for the do-it-yourselfer, no matter how skilled. This is particularly true of control valves, according to the [GAMA](#) official. These components are manufactured to extremely close tolerances. Once submerged in floodwaters, they must be replaced. Field repairs should never be attempted by the homeowner.”

Potential damage to controls on oil, gas and electric water heaters present an increased risk factor to the homeowner. This damage may be visible, but can also be hidden behind a cover or jacket. Exposure to flooding conditions can cause corrosion of controls and components, a build-up of dirt/debris or a short circuit situation. Even though appliances exposed to flooding may appear to be operational, the gradual buildup of dirt and corrosion over time can render safety devices inoperative.

More specifically, FVIR type water heaters regardless of brand when their base is submerged result in damage to components as well as passages designed for air flow intended for combustion air become restricted or blocked.

For more information or to set up an appointment for a [licensed plumbing](#) technician to inspect and/or replace a water heater, contact Anthony at (740) 587-7191

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