

FLOODS DESTROY YOUR MOST IMPORTANT ASSET - DOCUMENTS



When documents get wet

The frequency of natural disasters, especially in the form of floods and storms, has quintupled over the past 40 years. In the 1970s, about 69 natural disasters were recorded worldwide every year. By the 2000s, this average had increased to 350 per year. Flooding causes in general over one-third of the total estimated costs. This can also affect your company. Every company is dependant on its information. It has to be easily accessible whenever it is needed. The unexpected happens and your data is gone.

As one of the world's leading companies in document drying BELFOR can help you. We know what to do so that damage is minimised as much as possible. BELFOR are specialists and are able to assess the situation extremely rapidly. We have effective tools for immediate assistance and know what methods are most appropriate for each specific case. This enables you to access your most important assets once again as soon as possible after the incident.

Initial Measures – What Can I Do?

Ask for help

- BELFOR will help you promptly and skilfully. You can find the relevant national emergency numbers at www.belfor.com.

Keep the documents moist

- Turn the heating down. Do not use fans or humidifiers and keep windows closed.
- Improperly dried documents will curl to an irreparable extent.

Storing and sorting

- Wrap wet books and documents in bags, plastic folders or wax paper – do not dry.
- Separate books and documents which are clammy, slightly moist or only wet at the corners. Take out books or documents which are to be dried and kept. Take out books from the 19th and early 20th century and those with leather or animal hide.
- Sort books and documents according to priorities and store and letter them accordingly.
- Store books in a horizontal position, with a maximum of 3-4 books stacked on top of one another. When books are stored in the upright position, stand them on their spine and support them at the sides. Do not place books above one another. Only books of equal size may be placed adjacent to one another.

Freezing documents

- Freeze important documents or books (freezer compartment, chest freezer). If possible use freezer bags, wax paper or similar.

BELFOR - Your global partner in disaster recovery

We are ready to respond to any disaster anywhere, at any time

☐ Impact

☐ Emergency Aid

☐ Recovery

☐ Reinstatement

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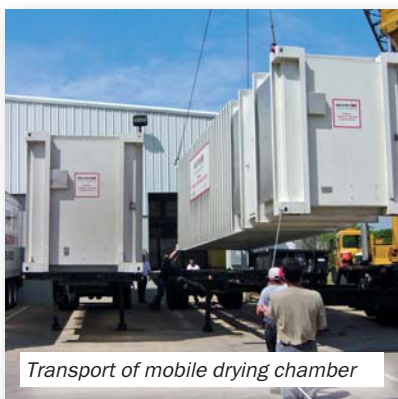
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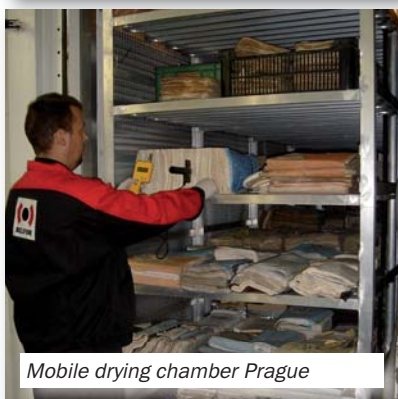
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Transport of mobile drying chamber



Mobile drying chamber Prague



BELFOR sites with drying facilities

BELFOR sites

Competence Center Drying

Our methods

- Adsorption drying
- Condensation drying
- Vacuum drying
- Freeze drying
- Thermal vacuum freeze-drying
- Antimicrobial treatment
- Radiation and antifungus treatment
- Paper cleaning, smoothing and reconditioning

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Country	No. of vacuum chambers	Type	Weight of wet papers per load	Response time (for immediate measures at site)
Belgium	1	TVFD*, mobile	1,000 kg	< 6 hours
Germany	1	TVFD, mobile	600 kg	< 6 hours
France	1	TVFD	10,000 kg	
	1	TVFD, mobile	1,000 kg	< 12 hours
United Kingdom	1	TVFD, mobile	20,000 kg	
	2	TVFD, mobile	2 x 1,000 kg	< 24 hours
Italy	1	TVFD, mobile	1,000 kg	< 6 hours
Austria	1	TVFD, mobile	600 kg	< 6 hours
Poland	1	TVFD, mobile	600 kg	< 8 hours
Czech Rep.	1	TVFD	20,000 kg	< 8 hours
Total number of chambers: 11		Monthly drying volume throughout Europe: Approx. 100 t		

* Thermo Vacuum Freeze Dryer

With BELFOR, everything's soon under control!