

Don't Let It Rain On Your Parade! Tips To Keep Your Home Dry & Dreamy During The Monsoons!



We all love the monsoons! Not only is it a great time to be outdoors, but also to enjoy staying indoors with a plate of crispy *pakor*as and a cup of hot, piping *chai*!

However, monsoons can play spoilsport with our homes. It's not uncommon to see moss and mildew on our walls, flooring, and furniture, thanks to the dampness. Then there's the problem of seepage wrecking your walls, the fear of accidents owing to exposed electrical wires, rusting grills, smelly rugs and mats, and termites. *Suddenly dreading the rains, aren't you?*

Well, there are ways to keep your love for the wet season AND your home intact!

Let's look at a few ways to keep your home dry and dreamy during the monsoons.

Tips To Protect Your Home During The Monsoons!

Here's how you can protect your home from the perils of the monsoons...

1. Repair, Rather Than Regret!

Check all exterior surfaces like walls and roofs for cracks and get them repaired, while you still have time!

Cracks allow moisture to seep in and cause damp patches. The resulting dampness can damage everything that comes into contact with the walls. All these gaps need to be filled with **crack-fill putty**.

2. Roll Those Rugs And Carpets Away!

Fancy carpets and rugs are best avoided during the monsoons.

Excessive moisture can make your rugs damp and smelly, and eventually, ruin them. Store them in a dry place until the monsoons are over.

And yes... Remember to air them out before storing them!

You can use Olefin mats and rugs, which are resistant to moisture and available in a variety of colours and patterns!



3. Better Safe, Than ‘Shocked’!

If you find out that there's a faulty wire in the house, get it repaired as soon as you can. Heavy rains could cause electrical failure and a short circuit, which is dangerous.

Make sure that all electrical joints are covered! If the electricity box is near a window or any such place where it might get wet, keep it covered with plastic at all times.

4. Wood Needs Special Care!

Keep all your wooden furniture a few inches away from the walls - to avoid the transfer of moisture!

Use special cleaning agents designed purely for wooden furnishings. Clean your furniture only with a dry cloth!

Make sure to termite-proof your home - damp weather and damaged wood draw them like bees to honey!

Use absorbing agents like Silica gel powders, neem leaves or naphthalene balls in your wooden cupboards and drawers – they don't just keep moisture away, but also help avoid bad odours.



5. Don't Forget The Floor!

Use a cleaning agent to mop the floor – this keeps insects and pests away!

If you have damaged tiles, replace them before the monsoons set in as cracks are a breeding ground for moss and algae!

In the case of wooden flooring:

- Don't let wet shoes, umbrellas, or clothes stay on the floor for a long time. Use super-absorbent mats at the entrance to your home.
- Dry mop wooden flooring, as far as possible!
- Keep your home ventilated, except when it's raining cats and dogs.
- Keep it protected by using wax sealants periodically.



6. Change Your Linens... As Often As Possible!

Moisture in the air can ruin your linens. Make sure you change your bedsheets, pillow covers, cushion covers, etc. as often as possible. Use materials that are quick to dry.

Use bright-coloured linens to infuse life into your home – the gloom of monsoons can make your home look a tad dull!

Use sheer curtains to dress up your windows and allow natural light into your home!



And... A Few Bonus Tips!

- Install awnings and shades over windows and balconies to prevent water from coming in.
- Paint metal grills/windows to avoid rusting.

- Do not shut the windows! Even though it is advised to shut the windows when it is raining, keep them open at other times. It reduces humidity and banishes some of the dullness from your home!
- Make sure all the drains in your home are unclogged. Clogged drains are breeding grounds for insects and foul odours... and the water might overflow into your home!

There you go... all your monsoon woes taken care of for good!

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