

PRIORITIES FOR SALVAGE



Take a deep breath.

Buddy Up.

➔ Remember you will need to **DOCUMENT** all decisions and actions from the very beginning. DO NOT move records until a suitable area has been prepared to receive them (drying stations for air drying, pallets for stacking items for off-site freezing).

If possible, **BEGIN** with the **HIGHEST PRIORITY**, determined by:

- **IMMEDIATE DANGER** (e.g., unstable shelving, unsupported records, items posing logistical obstacles)
- **PROXIMITY** (that which may be **closest** or **most accessible**)
- **MOST VALUED**, appears as a “**HOLDINGS PRIORITY**”
- **MOST VULNERABLE**
(organic e.g., paper and textiles before inorganic except for iron; see “**CONSIDERSTIONS**”)
- **LEAST DAMAGED**
(remove objects in pristine condition from a dangerous or compromised setting)
- **MOST DAMAGED**