

Saving your Family's Heirlooms after a Disaster

Everything is burnt, or muddy, or moldy. How do I decide what to save?

Ask yourself: Is the object irreplaceable?

YES



NO  Do not save

Ask yourself: Is the object valuable?

- Does the object have sentimental value to you or your family?
- Does the object have historical value to your community?
- Is the object rare?
- Is the object worth a great deal of money?

YES



NO  Do not save

Ask yourself: What is the condition?

- Is it muddy, wet, moldy, broken, deformed, missing pieces, and most other conditions? (If the object has been burned to the point that it resembles charcoal, **DO NOT SAVE IT**).

YES



You have decided the object should be saved. Call the American Institute for Conservation at 202-452-9545 or visit them on the web at www.aic-faic.org for more information.