Undocumented Water Mitigation Gets Stripped From Estimates

Canonical Web Version: https://restorationintel.com/undocumented-water-mitigation-gets-stripped-from-estimates/

Direct Answer: The adjuster didn’t cheat you. They did their job — and your estimate lost every line item you couldn’t prove. A shop called Proof AI put it sharper than most in September 2026: “A mitigation job you can’t document is line items the adjuster wipes out.” They’re building claim-defense automation for trade contractors.

Field Benchmark & Decision Matrix

Operational Stage	Field Focus in This Guide	Documentation Requirement	Verification Gate
1. Arrival	The adjuster didn’t cheat you. They did their job — and your estimate lost every.	Timestamped photos, measurements & scope notes	Cross-check against primary standard prior to submission
2. Daily	A shop called Proof AI put it sharper than most in September 2026: “A mitigation job.	Timestamped photos, measurements & scope notes	Cross-check against primary standard prior to submission
3. Completion	For the emergency phase those line items defend, see What Is Water Mitigation? and.	Timestamped photos, measurements & scope notes	Cross-check against primary standard prior to submission
4. QA & Claim Sign-Off	Here’s how the stripping actually works. The adjuster opens your Xactimate estimate.	Timestamped photos, measurements & scope notes	Cross-check against primary standard prior to submission

Practitioner Operational Takeaways

• Confirm scope boundaries and loss classification for: Undocumented Water Mitigation Gets Stripped From Estimates.

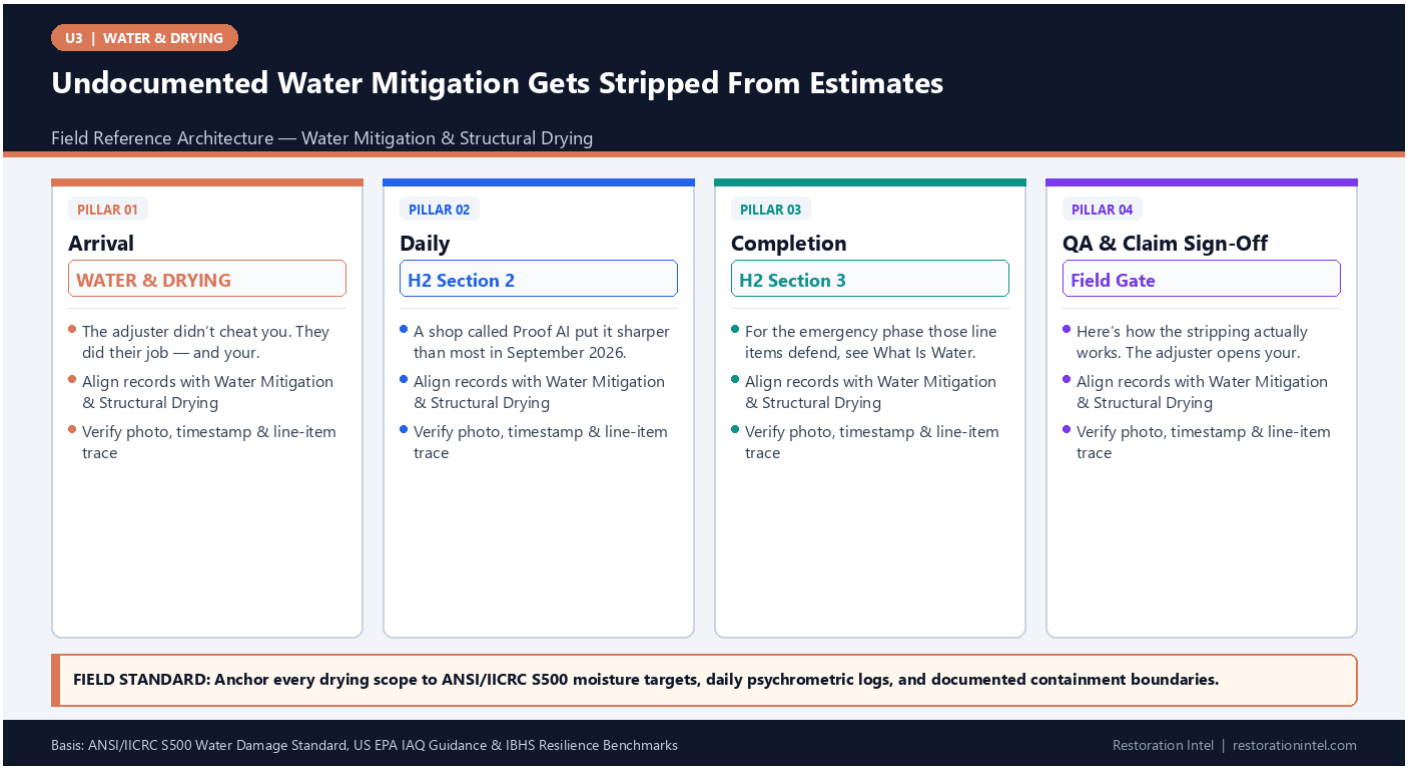
• Capture timestamped field photos, measurements, and serial/assembly notes before mobilization or tear-out.

• Tie every line item or operational recommendation to primary references (ANSI/IICRC S500 Water Damage Standard, US EPA Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)).

• Verify internal cross-links and preserve all customer intake/compliance forms intact on the canonical page.

• Export and attach the Print-First PDF field brief and verify the sibling Markdown twin (.md) resolves HTTP 200.

Visual Workflow & Benchmark Summary



Companion Endpoints & Verified Primary Sources

• **Markdown Twin (plain text):**
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• **ANSI/IICRC S500 Water Damage Standard:** https://iicrc.org/s500/

• **US EPA Indoor Air Quality (IAQ):** https://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq

• **Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS):** https://ibhs.org/