

As winter approaches, PABCO® Gypsum would like to provide you with some important information to avoid wet weather-related issues when it comes to gypsum board. We're providing these guidelines to help ensure your construction projects will be successful this upcoming winter season.

We recommend that everyone involved in the process of manufacturing, transporting, storing, distributing, applying and finishing gypsum board think ahead about the methods needed to keep gypsum panels protected. A team effort is required to achieve the best possible results.

Precautionary Measures

The following are helpful guidelines for protecting your gypsum wallboard.

- Do not stock your gypsum panels too early in the construction process or before the structure provides adequate weather protection. Stock just prior to installation.
- Do not stack the gypsum panels directly on a concrete floor but on risers so air can circulate, and any moisture is removed rising from the floor.
- All rooms should have good air circulation and must be heated to a minimum of 50°F and remain above 50°F for the duration of the job.
- Store gypsum panels in a dry environment. Cold or damp gypsum panels do not hang, finish or decorate well.
- If fossil fuel heating systems are used, be sure there is adequate ventilation and avoid high humidity which can cause finishing issues with the gypsum board.

Additional Resources

You can find more information on winter care of wallboard in the following GA publications:

- [GA 220](#) – Gypsum Board Winter Related Job Problems
- [GA 231](#) – Assessing Water Damage to Gypsum Board
- [GA 236](#) – Joint Treatment under Extreme Weather Conditions
- [GA 238](#) – Guidelines for Prevention of Mold Growth on Gypsum Board

Information is also available on cold and wet weather finishing and decorating from joint treatment and paint manufacturers.

If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please call your PABCO® Gypsum or QuietRock® sales representative. You can also call the PABCO® Technical Services Line at 866-282-9298 or email TechServices@pabco gypsum.com.

Best regards,

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