

Dear Valued Customer,

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 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 guidelines will help protect your gypsum wall board.

- 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 stock 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 where they will be kept in a dry environment. Cold or damp gypsum panels do not hang, finish or decorate well.
- If fossil fuel heating systems are used, ensure there is adequate ventilation and avoid high humidity which can cause finishing issues with the gypsum board.

Additional Resources

In addition to the above tips, please find links to relevant GA publications related to winter preparedness.

These publications include:

- [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 from joint treatment and paint manufacturers advising on cold or wet weather finishing and decorating issues. All of these guidelines are presented to help you achieve successful construction projects.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please call your PABCO Gypsum or QuietRock® sales representative. You can also call the PABCO Technical Services Line at 866-282-9298 or email

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Best regards,

PABCO Gypsum Technical Services