

# Homeowner's Guide to Drywall Repair in Snohomish & King County

A homeowner checklist for Drywall Repair

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## Step 1: Assess the Damage

- Photograph the damaged area before you start.
- Check if the drywall feels soft, damp, or cool to the touch.
- Note if there are any yellow or brown stains.
- Measure the size of the hole or crack.
- Gently press around the damage. Is it firm or crumbling?

## Step 2: Prepare the Work Area

- Lay a drop cloth on the floor below the repair.
- Move furniture away from the wall.
- Use a utility knife to trim away any loose paper or crumbled gypsum.
- Wipe the area with a slightly damp cloth to remove dust.
- If it's a crack, use the corner of a putty knife to 'V' it out slightly.

## Step 3: Patching a Small Hole (under 4 inches)

- Center a self-adhesive mesh patch over the hole.
- Press the patch firmly onto the wall.
- Apply a thin layer of joint compound, filling the mesh completely.
- Feather the compound edges 1-2 inches past the patch.
- Wait for the first coat to dry completely.
- Apply a second, wider coat of compound to blend it.
- Wait for the second coat to dry completely.

## Step 4: Finishing the Repair

- Lightly sand the dry patch with a fine-grit sponge until smooth.
- Wipe away all sanding dust with a dry cloth.
- Apply one coat of drywall primer over the entire patch.
- Let the primer dry completely.
- Apply the first coat of matching wall paint.

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- Apply a second coat of paint if needed for even coverage.

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