

1-800 Water Damage Named a Top Franchise for Veterans by Entrepreneur

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<u>1-800 WATER DAMAGE</u> announced it has been named to <u>Entrepreneur's 2021</u> <u>Top Franchises for Veterans</u> list.

To be placed on this list, Entrepreneur invites companies to participate in a survey designed to help learn more about their veterans' programs. From there, Entrepreneur developed its ranking of the top 150 franchises for veterans, considering each company's veteran incentive, how veteran franchisees are attracted to and supported by the company, and how each company scored in the 2021 Franchise 500.

"Veterans are important to us, and we want to make sure they are treated with respect in our franchise system for the sacrifices they have made," said Tim Fagan, president of 1-800 WATER DAMAGE. "Often, veterans have many of the characteristics that we look for in a franchisee – hardworking, able to follow a system, and a desire to help others. All of these are essential in our business."

Earlier in the year, Entrepreneur also ranked 1-800 WATER DAMAGE in the top 200 of its annual "Franchise 500" list that evaluates companies' costs and fees, size and growth, support, brand strength, and financial strength and stability. Each franchise is given a cumulative score based on an analysis of more than 150 data points, and the 500 franchises with the highest cumulative scores become the Franchise 500® in rank order.

1-800 WATER DAMAGE is part of the BELFOR Franchise Group (BFG), a family of 11 residential and commercial services franchise concepts owned by BELFOR Property Restoration. Some of the benefits that 1-800 WATER DAMAGE franchisees experience include cross-organizational relationships with local franchise owners from sister brands in their market and the expertise and resources offered by its disaster recovery and property restoration parent operating company. 1-800 WATER DAMAGE touts the value franchisees gain from these associations including referrals and partnerships with other BELFOR Franchise Group franchisees and from BELFOR's expansive knowledge, training facilities, operational expertise and industry connections.

About 1-800 WATER DAMAGE

1-800 WATER DAMAGE has decades-long experience in property restoration services with a strong emphasis on customer care. With over 150 locations across the U.S., the brand offers a full array of services including water and flood

damage restoration, mold remediation, sewage cleanup, fire and smoke damage restoration, and critical cleaning and sanitizing for both residential and commercial locations, with some locations also offering biohazard and trauma clean-up and reconstruction. Their team of passionate experts are dedicated to restoring not only the property but the lives of homeowners and business customers, 24/7/365. Ranked in the top 200 in Entrepreneur magazine's 2021 'Franchise 500' list of the largest franchise businesses, 1-800 WATER DAMAGE is part of the BELFOR Franchise Group family of residential and commercial services franchise brands and is owned by worldwide disaster recovery leader BELFOR Property Restoration.

About BELFOR Franchise Group

BELFOR Franchise Group is a residential and commercial services franchise group. The privately held, multi-concept franchise system is a division of BELFOR Property Restoration. For over a decade, BELFOR Franchise Group has empowered entrepreneurs by offering industry-leading training, support and equipment, turnkey business models, and ongoing coaching and business development. BELFOR Franchise Group is the parent organization for 11 of the strongest service-based franchise opportunities for home and commercial cleaning and restoration. The franchise brands include: 1-800 WATER DAMAGE, Chem-Dry & Upholstery Cleaning, Delta Restoration Services, DUCTZ International, HOODZ International, N-Hance Wood Refinishing, Blue Kangaroo Packoutz, The Patch Boys, redbox+, WINMAR and Z PLUMBERZ.