

HOMEOWNER TIP SHEET



Repairing Drywall: General Tips

While working with the repairing drywall process remember these simple tips:

- ❑ Drive the drywall screws *carefully* without damaging the paper.
- ❑ **Don't press too hard** on the joint tape. You don't want to squeeze out the compound: the joint might fail.
- ❑ If no drywall clips are available, bridge the back opening with a board a little larger than the opening. Secure it to the drywall and patch to the board.
- ❑ Nails and screws should get three total coats.
- ❑ Use 100-grit (fine) sandpaper for finishing and 60-grit (coarse) sandpaper to remove knife lines or stray bumps in dry plaster.
- ❑ Don't overwork the compound (because it dries quickly and loses its creaminess).
- ❑ **NEVER REUSE OLD COMPOUND!** Throw away any compound that has been removed from the can, even if never touched!