

Business Owner's

Pre-Hurricane Checklist

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Catastrophe Action Plan

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| | 1. Maintain a current list of telephone numbers and contacts for emergency action team members, emergency management (civil defense), local police and fire departments, medical facilities, utilities, contractors, vendors, etc. | |
| | 2. Contact local authorities to plan and coordinate activities before the need for emergency action. That way both of you will be better prepared. | |
| | 3. Designate a person to monitor weather conditions and keep the action plan leader up to date on weather conditions before, during, and after a hurricane. | |
| | 4. Arrange backup communications such as two-way radios or cellular phones. | |
| | 5. Arrange an off-site emergency communications control center such as a hotel meeting room just outside the hurricane area in case it becomes too dangerous to remain on site. | |
| | 6. Provide diesel or gasoline-driven emergency generator on site with full tank, and reserve fuel on hand. (High demand may make it difficult to obtain a generator. Advance arrangements and/or retainers may assure availability.) | |
| | 7. Determine which company records are vital and make plans to protect/relocate them. | |
| | 8. Identify vulnerable and/or critical equipment and processes. Provide instructions for safely shutting down processes, data processing equipment, etc. Consider disconnecting and relocating critical equipment to higher elevations. | |
| | 9. Identify key equipment and stock that will need to be protected with tarpaulins or waterproof covers. | |
| | 10. Identify a hot site (an off-site data processing location for immediate business resumption) or a cold site (an off-site location ready for set up of your own data processing equipment). Also, consider an off-site business recovery facility where you can resume general business operations. | |
| | 11. Identify actions to take in the event of live electrical wires, leaking gas, flammable liquids, corrosive/toxic materials and damage to foundations or underground piping. | |
| | 12. Evaluate the interdependency of your facilities and develop a contingency plan. | |
| | 13. Maintain ongoing agreements with contractors for supplies and repairs needed after a hurricane. When possible, use contractors who are outside potential hurricane areas. Local contractors may also have storm damage or local authorities' needs may be given a higher priority. | |

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| | 14. Maintain emergency supplies throughout hurricane season. (Drinking water, nonperishable food, medical supplies, flashlights, batteries, walkie-talkies, portable pumps, hose, emergency lighting, lumber, plywood, nails, hand and power tools, plastic covers and tarpaulins, etc.) | |
| | 15. Maintain straps or other means on hand to brace/anchor yard storage, signs, cranes, and roof-mounted equipment. | |
| | 16. Inspect and repair roof flashings, coverings, drains, gutters, and edge strips. Remove debris and unrestrained materials from roofs. | |
| | 17. Inspect and maintain sign, stack and tower supports, guy wires, and anchor points. | |
| | 18. Repair or replace loose or worn door and window latches, hardware and seals. | |
| | 19. Provide prefitted hurricane shutters and/or plywood for windows and doorways where practical. If possible, install them in advance and leave them in place for the hurricane season. | |
| | 20. Prepare for hurricane-related flooding with sandbags and an ample supply of brooms, mops, squeegees, and absorbents to help remove water. | |
| | 21. Trim or remove any large trees that could fall and damage buildings, or impair fire protection, or electrical power and communication lines, etc. | |
| | 22. Arrange for site security after a hurricane. | |
| | 23. Prepare space for inside storage of dumpsters, yard equipment, and yard stock. | |
| | 24. Evaluate approaches to your facility for bridges or other low lying areas for emergency access and employee safe routes to return to work. | |
| | 25. Advise employees how they will be notified when to return to work. (Local radio or TV station public service announcement, telephone call, etc.) | |
| | 26. Establish priority/back-up personnel or rotation personnel for critical operations and/or processes. Employees may also have personal emergencies and may or may not be available to return to work promptly. | |
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Use the additional space provided for site-specific action items.

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