



After A Hurricane Tip Checklist

Hurricane season is from June 1st to November 30th. If you live near hurricane prone areas, have a plan of what to do before, during, and after a hurricane strikes. Here are tips and suggestions that may be helpful after a hurricane:

Tips For Business

- The site should be secured and a command center should be established to direct the recovery operation.
- Damage should be surveyed and, as soon as possible, notification of fire protection impairments to the local fire department and/or police departments, as appropriate.
- Survey for safety hazards such as downed electrical wires, leaking gas or flammable liquids, poisonous gasses, damage to foundations or underground piping, etc.
- Clean roof drains, storm drains, retention ponds, etc. and remove any debris.
- Designated key personnel and emergency contractors should be called to coordinate and start repairs and salvage.
- Begin salvage as soon as possible to prevent further damage. Items to consider include:
 - Cover broken windows and damaged roofs.
 - Cover contents of buildings with tarps to minimize rain damage when roof repairs cannot be readily accomplished.
 - Separate damaged goods from undamaged goods.
 - Make temporary repairs to prevent further damage. Remove standing water in buildings, yard areas, etc.
 - Clean and dry equipment with most critical objects receiving priority.
 - Consider dehumidification of most areas, especially moisture sensitive equipment.
 - Inspect all electrical equipment including exposed insulators, bus bars, and conductors before reenergizing electrical distribution systems and equipment.

Fire Protection

- Repair and return to service as soon as possible all fire protection including sprinklers, water supplies, fire pumps, special extinguishing systems, alarms and supervisory service, etc.
- Ensure that all company policy programs, such as hot work (cutting and welding) and smoking etc. are properly supervised and enforced during salvage and repair operations. If automatic protection is impaired, arrangements for special fire watches should be made and notice provided to your insurance company and the fire department.

For more information, please visit Department of Homeland Security at www.ready.gov/hurricanes or the American Red Cross at www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster/hurricane.

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