

Hurricane Recovery

In the aftermath of a hurricane or other natural disaster, business owners are often faced with a host of hazards and concerns, including downed trees and debris, damaged utilities, water damage, and persistent flooding. Even when an event does not directly affect your business, disruptions to employees, vendors, and customers still can have a severe impact on your operations. Once people are safe after an event, use the checklist below to help ensure your business can recover as soon as possible.

RECOVERY STEPS	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Notify your insurance provider(s) as soon as possible to begin the claims process.			
Start the assessment process by making note and taking photos of any structural damage to buildings prior to cleanup or repairs.			
Assess, photograph, and make note of any damage to equipment, machinery, and company vehicles.			
Assess and make note of any lost or damaged inventory, including materials for business use and products for sale.			
Take photos prior to repairs, replacement, or disposal of property.			
Compile a list of items that must be addressed before reopening your business.			
Contact employees, suppliers, and customers to inform them of any disruption in operations and provide an anticipated date when operations will resume.			
Have buildings professionally inspected if you have concerns that any damage could pose a safety hazard to employees or customers.			
Secure the building(s) while repairs are being made or if relocation of business activity is necessary.			
Ensure utilities are restored and in safe working order before resuming business operations.			
Repair and clean your facilities to ensure the environment is free of any safety hazards before resuming business operations.			

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS	YES	NO	COMMENTS		
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File a claim with your business interruption insurance provider.					
Compile sales records and history, profits and loss statements, and income tax forms to share with the insurance claims adjuster.					
Consider any financial responsibilities you may have, such as payroll or scheduled payments to creditors, that also may impact any claims.					
Keep a detailed record of all expenses incurred during the recovery process.					
Additional notes:					
In the event of a hurricane or other natural disaster, we are here to help. Contact your broker and/or account manager for more information or assistance.					
Date of assessment: Comple	eted k	ру:			

When an event occurs, here is your IOA emergency contact information for claims:



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