



## TIP SHEET

# AFTER A HURRICANE

Hurricane season is from June 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>. If you operate near hurricane prone areas, have a plan of what to do before, during and after a hurricane strikes. The following tips and actions may be helpful to consider after a hurricane.

## Tips for Businesses

- Secure the site and establish a Command Center to direct the recovery operation
- Survey damage and notify local fire and/or police departments as soon as it is safe to do so
- Survey for safety hazards such as downed electrical wires, leaking gas or flammable liquids, poisonous gasses, damage to foundations or underground piping
- Clean roof drains, storm drains, retention ponds and remove debris
- Call designated key personnel and emergency contractors to coordinate and start repairs and salvage
- Begin salvage as soon as possible to prevent further damage
- Report damage to insurance companies immediately

## Items to Consider

- Cover broken windows and damaged roofs. Make temporary repairs to prevent further damage
- Cover contents of buildings with tarps to minimize rain damage when roof repairs cannot be readily accomplished
- Separate damaged goods from undamaged goods
- Remove standing water in buildings and yard areas

- Clean and dry equipment with the most critical objects receiving priority
- Consider dehumidification of most areas, especially those containing 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 such as sprinklers, water supplies, fire pumps, special extinguishing systems, alarms and supervisory service
- Ensure that all company policy programs, such as hot work (cutting and welding) and smoking, 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
- Maintain a fire watch during outages to fire protection equipment and/or water supply



## Additional Information



AIG clients can contact their Risk Engineer or Risk Consultant for additional support.

For more information on how to prepare, protect and recover, visit our Catastrophe Preparedness Center at [www.aig.com/cat-preparedness](http://www.aig.com/cat-preparedness)

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