



## TIP SHEET:

# After a Hurricane

Hurricane season is from June 1st to November 30th. 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 business

- 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, etc.
- Clean roof drains, storm drains, retention ponds, etc. and remove any 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 as soon as possible.

### 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 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.

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