




# Hurricane Tips after the Storm





Hurricanes and other potentially catastrophic weather events present real challenges to businesses before and after they occur. While many businesses have recovery plans, there are some fundamental best practices that should be followed as soon as reasonably possible after the storm.


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Account for all employees who stayed at the facility during the storm.
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Conduct a preliminary inspection to verify stability before entering a flooded, formerly flooded or wind-damaged building.
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When starting the cleanup process, be careful, and use protective eyewear and gloves if available.
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If it is safe to do so, make temporary repairs to protect the building and contents.
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If there is extensive damage, have a professional engineer or architect certify that the building is safe for entry or work.
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Contact local officials before entering any business. Report downed power lines or gas leaks. Keep electricity turned off if the building has been flooded.
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Assess damage to buildings and equipment. Photograph and document all damage. Notify your insurance agent as soon as possible.
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When using a generator, be sure that the main circuit breaker is off and locked prior to starting the generator, and that it is kept in a well ventilated area whenever it's running.
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If you're a Chubb business policyholder and your business suffered damage from a hurricane or windstorm, begin the claims process immediately.
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Remove and discard porous organic materials that have become wet or visibly contaminated to prevent mold or other further loss or damage. Use protective equipment as necessary.

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