

HURRICANE ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST



It can be challenging for a business to recover following a hurricane. In fact, 40% of small businesses won't reopen after a natural disaster, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. As a business owner, being prepared is one of the best ways to ensure your business survives following a hurricane or other natural disaster. This checklist can help you assess the potential damage a hurricane can have on your business.

ASSESSMENT	YES	NO
Does your business need computers, copy machines, fax machines, files, inventory or special equipment to operate?		
Can your business operate without gas, power, water, internet or telecommunications?		
Can your business operate without access to the damaged building(s)?		
If your business income is interrupted, will you be able to meet payroll? If yes, estimate for how long.		
Do your employees commute to work?		
Can the public, your customers and your employees easily access your business (e.g., parking)?		
Do you have communication methods in place to update employees, key customers, vendors and suppliers throughout your recovery?		
Are you able to ship your product or provide services to your customers remotely?		
Will you still have your customers/clients after the hurricane?		
Can your organization survive with reduced or shut-down operations for three to seven days?		
Are your sensitive assets and equipment secured?		
Have you backed up data to a remote location and the cloud?		
Does your business have sheltering plans and evacuation procedures in place?		

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