



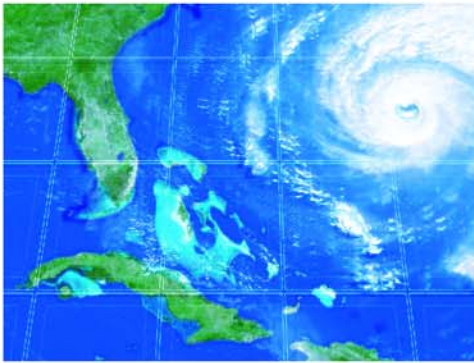
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# NEWS

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## HURRICANE PREPARATION

Hurricane season is in full swing. As you put your plan in place to protect your family and your home, let us offer you some helpful tips on how to prepare and protect your office or business property.



### Before the Hurricane

**Board Up.** It's always a good idea to seal and board up windows wherever possible. One of the most common causes of water damage is "wind-driven rain." During a hurricane, wind is strong enough to force rain through the cracks in window casings, damaging the offices inside, even if the glass has not been broken.

**Protect Your Paperwork.** If you have files stored in boxes on or near the floor of your office, place them on top of a desk or move them to a higher location. Also, either cover them securely with plastic or place them in tied plastic garbage bags. Just 1/2 inch of water can damage an entire box of materials.

**Protect Your Computer.** Most people regularly back up their computer data, but suppose you were unable to get into the building to retrieve your back-up disk. It's a good idea to make a duplicate or even a triplicate disk in the event of a hurricane. Then, if you're unable to enter your building, you will still have access to

your customer database and computer information.

**Protect Your Electrical Equipment.** Unplug computers and other electrical equipment and move them to a higher location. Cover them securely with plastic.

**Protect Your Contents.** Using a digital or video camera, take pictures of all your office contents. Though it's not likely you'll need it in the event of a hurricane, it's a good precautionary measure to take prior to an emergency. If your property is struck by fire or flood you'll be required to provide the insurance company with an inventory of contents. Make this a part of your standard emergency preparations.



### After the Hurricane

**Enter With Care.** If your building is clearly damaged, contact local officials to make sure it is safe to enter.

**Use Caution With Electricity.** Electricity and water are a deadly combination. If there

is a possibility that the electricity is still on, Do Not enter the building until the electricity has been turned off.

**Take Initial Clean Up Steps.** If the building is safe, and there are no electrical issues, begin sopping up excess water. Move items standing in water to a higher location. Place aluminum foil under furniture that is resting on carpet.

**Contact a Certified Water Restoration Firm, DisasterCare Cleaning & Restoration.** We're prepared to deal with any emergency and have the experience and equipment to meet any need. DisasterCare is one of the largest flood and fire restoration companies in the southeast.

### Today

DisasterCare Cleaning & Restoration regularly meets with business owners to discuss our services. We would be happy to sit down with you, make pre-hurricane recommendations and let you know what we can do should a hurricane hit the lowcountry. The time to plan is before a storm heads our way. Contact us at 843-871-9628, 1-800-653-9927 or visit us at DisasterCare247.com



**Others may make suggestions and recommendations, but by law, only YOU can choose the restoration firm. Choose DisasterCare Cleaning & Restoration.**

### Why Call DisasterCare?

DisasterCare Cleaning & Restoration is on call 24/7, 365, one of the largest flood & fire restoration companies in the Southeast, rated as one of the top 10 in the Nation for Large Water Loss Restoration Projects, a fleet of trucks & trailers, an inventory of over 2,000 pieces of specialty tools/equipment and DisasterCare is a preferred provider for insurance companies.