



Small Business Tips for Hurricane Recovery

STABILIZE THE SITUATION

- Inspect your business safely and follow official guidelines.
- Document damage before cleaning up.
- Throw out old or rotting inventory and other perishables.
- Work with a reputable provider for repairing utilities and services.
- Prioritize your mental health.



COMMUNICATE WITH STAKEHOLDERS

- Update and check in on your employees.
- Work with your vendors to recover lost inventory.
- Keep customers updated on re-opening, adjusted hours, and inventory.
- Utilize social media, a company website, or a community posting board to keep your network updated.



RESEARCH AND APPLY FOR AID

- Consider federal options such as:
 - [Small Business Assistance \(SBA\) Loans](#)
 - [U.S. IRS Relief and Assistance](#)
 - [DisasterAssistance.Gov](#)
 - [Benefits.Gov](#)
- Keep track of deadlines.
- Have important documents ready to apply.



PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

- Design an emergency operations and contact plan with your employees.
- Evaluate your supply chain and how to minimize disruptions.
- Insure equipment and backup data online and offline.
- Identify weak points where the damage occurred and improve them.
- Participate in community planning discussions and share your observations.
- Anticipate your financial needs and prepare for business disruptions.



ALWAYS REMEMBER

- Avoid dangerous conditions.
- Listen to local officials.
- Check out the ISD Hurricane Help Desk for more tips and resources at: www.isdus.org



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