



## **Did You Know There is a Lot of Preparation That Can be Done to Limit Damage From Hurricanes or Tornadoes?**

There are some last minute things companies can do to limit damage from hurricanes of which you could provide recommendations for as these storms are approaching. This goes beyond plywood. Here are some examples:

- Protecting or relocating vital business records
- Considering activating work-from-home procedures for employees and limiting non-essential travel
- Raising critical equipment such as generators, computer equipment, and other electronics from below grade areas and off the floor to protect from flooding
- Clearing gutters and contacting local authorities to clear sewer systems before the storms
- Relocating all loose outdoor equipment and securing those items which cannot be moved
- Covering critical stock and equipment with waterproof tarps
- Initiating an orderly shutdown of production equipment and systems that rely upon normal power
- Turning off fuel gas services and non-essential electrical systems
- Verifying all fire protection systems are in service (e.g. water supplies, fire pumps, sprinklers, fire alarms, and special extinguishing systems)

Things can also be done more long term such as adding tie down points on the roof next to small air handling units and exhaust hoods. A large amount of

damage is caused during these storms when a small unit is ripped off the roof. The unit becomes a rolling object that can damage roof, sides of buildings, and objects on the ground. Even more damage is done when these units come loose and allows water on the roof to enter the building. Adding ratchet straps or cable tie downs can give a little added security to help keep these units in place.

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