

RECOVERY READY: PREPARING FOR DISASTERS

Preparing to recover from a disaster is just as important as preparing to respond. Recovery ready communities are more resilient and recover faster. Your disaster recovery starts here.

As winter ends and flood season approaches, here are some steps you can take to prepare for potential disasters:



Documentation

- Keep detailed records of facility conditions (photos, maintenance records) before the flood. This is crucial for FEMA claims, especially if the facility has a history of flooding or ongoing repairs.
- Track disaster-related costs separately (labor, equipment, materials, contracts, etc.).



Policies

Make sure someone is familiar with key policies like labor, procurement, and insurance.



Designate Recovery Contacts

Have at least two contacts for disaster recovery. Include experts from different fields (e.g., accounting, emergency management, facility experts) in the recovery process.



Environmental Regulations for Grants

- Temporary repairs or restoring things to their original condition may not require additional permits/ environmental review unless in specific areas (e.g., near water or historical sites).
- Any changes to design or mitigation measures will require an environmental review by FEMA.
- Make sure all gravel and fill come from [SHPO and DEQ approved sources](#).



Start Recovery Early

Don't wait for FEMA approval to start temporary repairs. If you don't stabilize the facility quickly, FEMA may not cover further damage caused by negligence.



FEMA Funding Limitations

FEMA won't pay if another federal agency (e.g., FHWA) can cover the expenses.

