

WATER DISASTER MANAGEMENT

COPING WITH FLOODS, BROKEN PIPES AND SPILLS



Water disasters – major and minor – often occur without warning. Follow these effective tips for disaster prevention and cleanup.

Life happens, and sometimes it leaves behind a lot of liquid. How do you handle the cleanup from floods, broken pipes and spills?

According to FEMA, floods are the most common and widespread of all natural disasters. And a flood doesn't

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have to reach Biblical proportions to be a hell of an inconvenience, or even damaging and dangerous.

Other disasters present difficult liquid cleanup challenges. Just a minor facility fire can leave you with water and debris on site from firefighting efforts or a sprinkler system. Another wet mess to clean up.

Broken pipes occur even more often

than floods and fires. The damage can be just as real, and just as hazardous.

And, probably most common of all, everyday spills can become slick hazards. Oil, printer's ink, chemicals, food spills, plumbing overflows – they all need to be cleaned up, and fast. Your emergency response, and the equipment you use, can make the difference between an inconvenience and a disaster.

Here are some tips, based on FEMA guidelines, for handling water disaster and spill cleanup:

KEEP YOURSELF SAFE. Take a moment to think before jumping into cleanup efforts. Is there an immediate threat to your personal safety? Has the gas or electric supply been compromised by the accident? Does equipment need to be shut down? Is there any threat from dangerous chemicals? Is there anyone who should be immediately notified or evacuated?

MATCH YOUR EQUIPMENT TO THE JOB. A standard wet/dry vac from the local hardware store takes care of



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most homeowner projects. Industrial settings often require something much more powerful. Your choice of equipment can make the difference between a 3-hour cleanup job and a 30-minute one. A faster cleanup minimizes danger to employees, and lessens the chance of damage to equipment and the facility. And, if you're dealing with potentially hazardous liquids, you'll definitely need a machine that's designed for the job.

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PRACTICE PREVENTION. You can't hold back the Mississippi, but by faithfully following your equipment maintenance schedule you could prevent the majority of facility fires and broken pipes. In addition, regularly test your sump pumps and generators to enable a swift and effective cleanup response.

MAKE A PLAN. It pays to take time out from your schedule now to think through what would need to be done in the case of flooding or a significant spill. Determine your safety and evacuation procedures, along with names of persons who should be notified (see box). Post instructions near equipment that may need to be moved or shut off. An overzealous or panicked employee could cause injury or damage by handling equipment improperly in the heat of the moment. If there is property damage, FEMA recommends that you first focus on saving undamaged property, and later trying to salvage partially damaged pieces.

Prevention, a well planned response, and appropriate cleanup equipment will help keep your personnel and facility safe.

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FLOOD EMERGENCY OPERATION PLAN

FEMA recommends you establish a plan that includes the following:

- Person in charge and chain of command
- Notification procedures
- Evacuation procedures
- Safe entry point for emergency personnel
- Facility address
- Location of power shutoffs
- Blueprints or maps
- Hazardous materials in use
- List of equipment and documents to be moved
- Specifically assigned emergency & cleanup duties
- Location of emergency & cleanup supplies
- Periodic training and drills

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