

Post-Flood Procedures

- Following your **Emergency Action Plan**; account for all persons, provide search and rescue personnel with last known location of any missing victim(s).

- Follow your **Medical Emergency Plan**: (pg. 6 of EAP); do not move seriously injured individuals. If high-rise buildings are in the general area, falling debris may make open areas more dangerous than remaining inside the buildings. Watch out for fallen power lines and broken glass lines.

- Take these **immediate actions**:
 - Stay away from power lines, buildings, and any object that might fall.
 - Secure the site and provide watch service if necessary.
 - Visually check for open bus bars, conductors, and exposed insulators before re-energizing electrical systems.
 - Make sure heating systems and water pipes are working.
 - Determine how you will assist individuals who have special needs, such as disabled persons.

- Take these **recovery actions**:
 - Survey the facilities for damage.
 - Take photographs of the damage.
 - Look for safety hazards such as live electrical wires, leaking gas, flammable liquids, corrosive/toxic materials, and damage to foundations or underground piping.
 - Remove mud and silt from the building and from equipment to minimize further damage.
 - Remove standing water so it will not add moisture to the building.
 - Start fans and ventilation systems to begin the drying process.
 - Replace building wiring that was submerged.
 - Salvage computers, electronics and mechanical equipment. Salvage potential is high if these items are cleaned promptly with fresh water and then carefully dried. This should be done by a professional salvage company.
 - Contact key personnel and notify contractors to start repairs.
 - Conduct two-inch main drain and alarm tests on automatic fire protection sprinkler systems to verify public water supply availability.
 - Begin salvage as soon as possible to prevent further damage:
 - Cover broken windows and torn roof coverings immediately.
 - Separate damaged goods.
 - Clean roof drains and remove debris from roofs.
 - Check refrigerated items for spoilage if there has been a power failure.
 - Limit access to freezers and refrigerated areas during periods of interrupted electrical service to maintain the temperatures as long as possible.