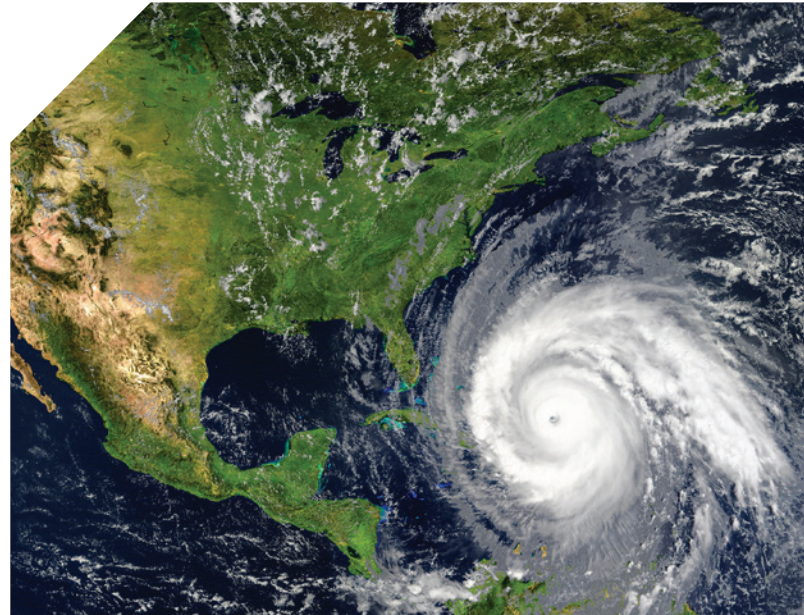




Be Future Ready! Hurricane Season

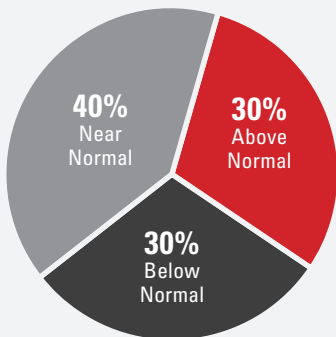
Is Your Business Prepared for the 2023 Hurricane Season?

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) forecasters with the Climate Prediction Center, a division of the National Weather Service, predict near-normal hurricane activity in the Atlantic this year. NOAA's outlook for the 2023 Atlantic hurricane season, which goes from June 1 to November 30, predicts a 40% chance of a near-normal season, a 30% chance of an above-normal season and a 30% chance of a below-normal season.



NOAA 2023 ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON OUTLOOK

SEASON PROBABILITY



NAMED STORMS

12 - 17

HURRICANES

5-9

MAJOR HURRICANES

1-4

NOAA is forecasting a range of 12 to 17 total named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher). Of those, 5 to 9 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 1 to 4 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher). NOAA has 70% confidence in these ranges.

Now, on the heels of the COVID-19 Pandemic, businesses need to prepare for major storms and hurricanes in the Southern and Atlantic regions of the United States, including the Caribbean. Preparedness should never be an afterthought. Statistics show that 40% of businesses that close after a hurricane never reopen. Businesses should take the initiative now to start planning early, so they don't become a statistic.

When evaluating storm risk, companies must consider the vulnerability a business has from the storm hazard on its operational, legal, and reputational risk. Contracting with Signal Restoration Services before the storm provides you with a zero-cost solution and peace of mind that your facility will have a level of storm resilience with an experienced restoration team that is ready to support your business. The last things you want, after a storm, is to be competing for resources, looking for contractors, equipment, and labor to restore your facility. Being a preferred Signal customer assures you that the resources and experienced team will be ready to respond should a storm strike your business.



Before the storm, the Signal team will work with you to assess your building structure, make recommendations for storm resilience, and develop a plan to restore your facility after the storm to reduce downtime. Signal Restoration will do all of this at no cost for our preferred customers. When the threat of a storm is forecasted in your area, Signal will stage resources just outside of the impact area and remain in close contact with you to monitor the storm and address potential needs. Signal's commitment to customer service is second to none. With over 45 years of experience, our knowledge and understanding of preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery, makes Signal key to any storm response plan.



TROPICAL STORM OR HURRICANE ADVISORY

The NWS issues an Advisory when it expects conditions to cause significant inconveniences that may be hazardous. If caution is used, these situations should not be life-threatening.



TROPICAL STORM OR HURRICANE WATCH

The NWS issues an Watch when a tropical storm or hurricane is possible within 48 hours. Tune in to NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards, local radio, TV, or other news sources for more information. Monitor alerts, check your emergency supplies, and gather any items you may need if you lose power.



TROPICAL STORM OR HURRICANE WARNING

The NWS issues an Warning when it expects a tropical storm or hurricane within 36 hours. During a Warning, complete your storm preparations, and immediately leave the threatened area if directed to do so by local officials.

Once the winds have died down, Signal's Team will assess the damage and begin implementing the pre-storm restoration plan to:

- 1. Mitigate Safety Hazards (utilities, flooding, structural damage).**
- 2. Assessing structural damage to buildings or damaged foundations.**
- 3. Identifying impaired fire protection equipment and alarms.**
- 4. Creating safe access to continue critical operations.**
- 5. Remove storm debris.**
- 6. Assess and prioritize damaged contents to see what can be salvaged.**
- 7. Catalog and photograph and/or videotape any damage.**
- 8. Help you to meet your insurance goals to get the needed repairs.**
- 9. Fully restore your facility to its full operations.**

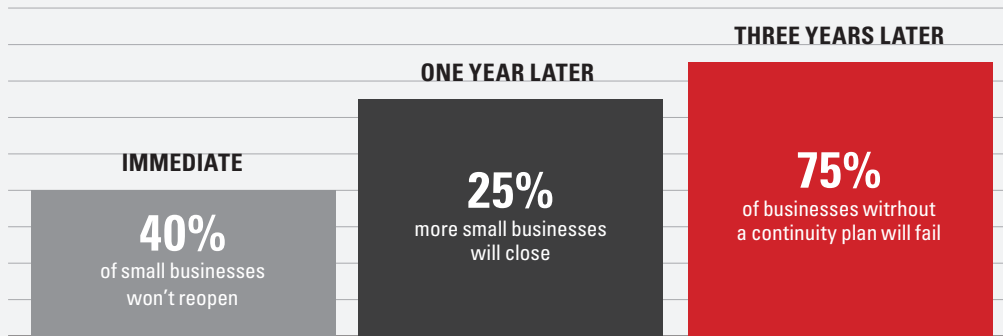
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With our team of emergency preparedness experts, Signal can help your company evaluate the risk to your facility, inventory, supply chain, and employees. Completing the risk assessment and implementing our recommended mitigation strategies before a storm will place your business in a better place to resume operations while reducing downtime. **Recovery matters, and time is not your friend.** Without a strategy and storm damage left unrestored, your business loss increases. Remember, statistics show that 40% of businesses that close after a hurricane never reopen.

NATURAL DISASTER IMPACT



Source: 2014 data from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and US Department of Labor

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recommends that a Risk Assessment, of any hazard, should include profiling of the hazard, or the probability, through current or historical data of storms in your area; inventorying your assets; and estimating the economic and infrastructure loss.

One key area to a risk assessment should be evaluating your insurance, including the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The NFIP has several areas of coverage for flood damage to a business that business must understand prior to any storm. Insurance policies are not a one size fits all, and Signal has experts to assist in understanding your loss potential and limits of your insurance to coverage of loss or interruption.

Signal's resources are vast and can support any restoration need. From large generators to heavy equipment, Signal has it all. It's critical to have equipment and resources staged ready for a rapid response. Many businesses can't afford to purchase and maintain generators for their facility. No problem. Signal has them available to place at your business before the storm, when the power goes out, or will stage them ready to setup when the storm is over. After the storm you may need potable water or porta-potties. No problem. Signal also has those resources ready before the storm and onsite after.



VAST RESOURCES WITH 430+ LOCATIONS

Most important is the protection of your facility. Signal can assist in portable barriers, such as filling and placing sandbags at your facility. Evaluating gutters, roofs, drains, down spouts, wall systems, loading docks, doors, windows, and other structural components before the storm will support your facilities resilience by reducing the impact from a storm. Signal will complete this evaluation, make recommendations for strengthening your structural resilience, and complete the work upon request.

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Hurricane Action Items

At a minimum, businesses should consider the following Action Items when preparing for a Hurricane.

- Monitor forecasts to know when to act.
- Confirm that your employee contact lists are up to date.
- Secure all doors and board up windows to protect against flying debris.
- Clean out floor drains and catch basins and check sump pumps.
- Anchor and fill above-ground tanks with water or product to keep them in place during the storm.
- Fill the fuel tanks on your emergency generator and fire pumps. Fill your vehicles' fuel tanks, as well.
- Check to see that your fire protection equipment is working.
- Make sure your important records are protected — or duplicate them and move them offsite to a safe area.
- Shut off process piping carrying gas or flammable liquids in case a pipe breaks in the storm.
- Shut down production processes safely and turn off the electricity for non-critical equipment.
- Evacuate your employees.

Be Future Ready.

**Click below to learn how we can be your Disaster Resilience partner
and help create a tailored response plan for you and your team**

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