



ESSENTIAL DISASTER RECOVERY TIPS



Document Damages

Before your community makes any emergency repairs, you need to document damages with photographs and measurements to prove repairs are disaster-related.



Segregate Disaster-Related Work

Utilize separate disaster accounting codes and/or related work orders to more easily segregate disaster-related work from day-to-day work. Doing so will help you compile labor and equipment usage for FEMA reimbursement.



Know What to Ask For

Recovery management contract support must be competitively bid. Know the services and experience you need to ask for before you sign any contractual agreement. Also, be sure to include required FEMA and HUD contract clauses for all disaster-related contracts.



Donated Resources Offset Local Share

Donated resources (including volunteer labor) can be used to offset the local share required for FEMA reimbursement. You can track those hours with something as simple as a dated sign-in sheet. This will make claiming those hours much easier in the weeks and months after the disaster.



Expedite Debris Removal

Expedited debris removal is rewarded with higher cost shares by FEMA. The Debris Removal Pilot Program provides improved cost shares for debris removed within the first 30 and 90 days after a disaster.



Carefully Track Debris Removal

FEMA requires a "cradle-to-grave" accounting of debris removal. In addition to labor and equipment, it's important to track debris locations, photographs (if possible), and weight tickets to document debris removal.

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