

# Preparing for a Hurricane

## Plan and Take Action

**To minimize the potential of wind and flood damage to your facility caused by a hurricane, we at Berkley Fine Dining Specialists recommend taking precautions such as those outlined below:**

- ▶ Check roof drains to make sure they are clear of debris.
- ▶ Check the roof areas and remove any equipment/materials that could become windblown debris.
- ▶ Check around the facility for anything (misc. equipment, trashcans, etc) that can be windblown debris and move it inside or secure it.
- ▶ Have plywood or hurricane shutters ready to mount over windows.
- ▶ Test any portable generators ahead of time, and make sure there is an adequate fuel supply.
- ▶ Consider shutting down computers, systems and processes to avoid power surge damage caused by erratic electrical supply.
- ▶ Due to possibility that water will leak into building from wind driven rain and storm water, relocate equipment and storage away from basements, windows and ground level doors.
- ▶ Mobilize any of your contractors that maintain the facility and put them on alert in case you need them during or after the storm.
- ▶ Assign someone to monitor the local river for cresting. A helpful website to monitor flood predictions is the National Weather Service, [www.erh.noaa.gov](http://www.erh.noaa.gov).
- ▶ Implement your business' Emergency Response Plan and/or Flood Emergency Response Plan.

## Helpful Links

US National Weather Service	<a href="http://www.nws.noaa.gov/">http://www.nws.noaa.gov/</a>
Real time river flow	<a href="http://waterdata.usgs.gov/">http://waterdata.usgs.gov/</a>
Flood warnings and watches	<a href="http://water.weather.gov/ahps/">http://water.weather.gov/ahps/</a>
Weather data	<a href="http://cirrus.sprl.umich.edu/wxnet/">http://cirrus.sprl.umich.edu/wxnet/</a> <a href="http://www.cnn.com/weather">http://www.cnn.com/weather</a>
Hazard maps and information	<a href="http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/hazards.php">http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/hazards.php</a>

