

Disaster Preparedness Resources for Business

Department of Homeland Security's Ready Business website:

<http://www.ready.gov/business/plan/planning.html>

Good information on continuity of operations planning, emergency preparedness, etc. It also has downloads available, such as a sample emergency plan. <http://www.ready.gov/america/downloads/sampleplan.pdf>

Internal Revenue Service

Publication 584B – Business Casualty, Disaster and Theft Loss Workbook

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p584b.pdf>

This publication contains worksheets you can use to inventory office equipment, business equipment, etc.

IRS suggestions for disaster preparedness:

IRS Encourages Taxpayers to Safeguard Financial and Tax Records During Hurricane Preparedness Week

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=157643,00.html>

Information and suggestions on paperless recordkeeping, documenting assets and valuables, ensuring payroll providers have fiduciary bonds, and emergency planning. This article also has information and links on IRS disaster assistance.

IRS article – Reconstructing Your Records

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=152317,00.html>

Suggestions on how you can reconstruct lost records, as well as IRS assistance available to help reconstruct records (transcript, copy of return, etc).

IRS Post Disaster Information

Tax Relief in Disaster Situations

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=108362,00.html>

FEMA

<http://www.fema.gov/>

Business section: <http://www.fema.gov/business/index.shtm>

SBA

Disaster preparedness page:

<http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance/disasterpreparedness/index.html>

Disaster assistance page: <http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance/index.html>