



**IICRC**

Institute of Inspection Cleaning  
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# STORM CLEANUP

## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

### 1. DONATE

Consider donating to reputable disaster relief agencies that are experienced and prepared for such disasters and who have programs in place necessary to administer need to people and pets – food, medical services, clothing, shelter, etc.

### 2. SUBCONTRACT

IICRC-Certified Firms can contact other Certified Firms in disaster-damaged areas. If your firm can spare a vehicle with an IICRC-certified Journeyman or Master Water Restorer, you may be able to serve as a subcontractor with the local firm that has the contacts and resources to provide leads and follow-up services.

### 3. PACK UP & GO

There are many factors to consider when deciding whether to provide assistance in a storm-damaged area, including:

- Much of the damage is so severe that restoration services simply won't be needed. Demolition and eventually rebuilding with new materials in some cases is the only practical solution.
- Communication, power and municipal services have been disrupted. Be prepared with generators and on-board water tanks, as electricity and water may not be available.
- Likewise, gasoline may be sparse, so it is a good idea to transport your own fuel on an open trailer to power equipment.
- In many cases, roads into storm-damaged areas will be impassible because of downed trees and power lines, and roads and bridges could be washed out or under water.
- Food and water may be difficult to find. Take a supply or plan for re-supply on a regular basis by someone from your company or from outside the area.
- Accommodations will be scarce. Entire communities have been evacuated, so unless you have a motor home that operates independently without an external power source, you will likely have trouble finding shelter.
- Insurance companies will be overwhelmed, and therefore slow to respond with much needed information about what to do and coverage issues. Moreover, storm victims are often told to do nothing until an insurance company representative arrives – which could be weeks later – causing water damage to increase and mold growth to escalate.
- Consider how to finance your response. Storm victims may be in dire straits financially, and insurance companies will be up to their ears in paperwork and likely slow to respond.

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