

Disaster Assessment, Response and Recovery Checklist

General ASSESSMENT

Identify boundaries of the disaster area and estimate number of food establishments contained in the area

If structural damage is possible, consult with Fire/Building Officials to determine if building is safe to

Evaluate municipal water compromised, supply compromised)

General RECOVERY

Facility may reopen only when regulatory agency and other representatives affecting the safety of the food and facility have approved.

CONTAMINATED WATER SUPPLY RESPONSE

*If there is no approved alternate safe water supply available, the establishment must close.

Identify alternate safe water supplies

Elevated water tower, water heater, etc. (short term only)

Warehouses with bottled water

Bottling/canning plants, dairies, br

Evaluation of Food Products

Flood, water damage

Fresh fruits and vegetables	Destroy	Contaminants may be absorbed by produce
Screwtop, crimpedap, twistap, pop top containers submerged or splashed	Destroy	Not cleanable under/around caps. Containers returned for deposits or recycling must be drained
Permeable (paper, cardboard, cloth, plastic etc.) containers submerged	Destroy	Inadequate barrier to contaminants and water
Hermetically sealed containers (cans, pouches) submerged or dented	Salvage	Re-label if necessary by removing label, wash, rinse, (100 ppm chlorine), dry, label with all required information and codes
Alcoholic Beverages (closed with cork screwtop, twistap, crimped cap)	Destroy	Check with ATF regarding alcohol tax reimbursement (label vols.)

Electrical outage

Refrigerated foods (PHF, TCS foods) more than 4 hours	Destroy	If less than 4 hours, can be moved to working unit
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Fire

Hermetically sealed containers (cans, pouches) with heat damage	Salvage	No bulged ends or ruptured seams, use a clean cloth/tissue to detect residue on container
Foods in closed cooler or freezer	TBD	Subject to smoke damage carried inside by circulation evaluate as if in the open

Exposed foods	Destroy	Subject to contaminants in smoke
Food in paper, plastic, cardboard, cloth containers	Varies	Double layer of packaging materials with light smoke damage can usually be salvaged. To examine distressed foods for smoke damage, remove them to an area where