



Checklist

Connecticut Businesses can be Prepared to "Weather the Storm"

It is important to make your business and property resilient to natural hazards and reduce the risk of on-site chemicals causing pollution.

The CT Department of Environmental Protection has free on-line training

"The 21st Century Resilient Business: How Managing Chemicals Can Help Your Business Weather the Storm" available to all business. It provides steps a facility can take to reduce risks and prevent damage, contamination, and liability and keep your business operating. It is especially important for those in flood prone areas that use chemicals in their process, sell chemicals and store hazardous waste onsite, including service providers and retail stores that sell toxic products. Accidental releases of toxic chemicals have also put communities and emergency responders at risk. Working together, businesses and local emergency officials can increase awareness and take steps to reduce risk and protect human health and safety.

This checklist provides information from the online training course.

Please use it as a summary after you've completed the training.

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Identify Your Risks

Key staff complete CT DEEP's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Resilient Business Training

      

Is your facility in a flood prone area? Use the CT Toxic Users map or FEMA flood map to locate your business/facility

      

Locate if your facility is in a national flood zone, hurricane evacuation zone, or will be impacted by sea level rise.

      

Locate and identify neighboring businesses that could impact your business

      

Know What Hazardous Materials Are On- Site

Know which hazardous materials you use, sell or have onsite

      

Review Safety Data Sheet for hazardous materials for specific storage

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recommendations

Know which chemicals are classified as hazardous materials or wastes and are subject to regulations related to proper storage.           

Eliminate any hazardous products and replace with safer ones           

### Take Action to be Prepared

Do a daily walk-through that includes inspecting storage equipment           

Label all containers with up to date information           

Store materials inside when feasible or in a safely elevated area           

Make sure containers are in good condition, waterproof and are secured           

Store incompatible materials separately           

Use secondary containment           

Use temporary barriers if a storm is predicted           

Reduce or eliminate hazardous chemicals           

Get as much hazardous waste as possible off-site by sending to a permitted TSD facility

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Update emergency plan, hold annual drills

Connect with local emergency officials, invite for site visit

## Have an Emergency Plan & be ready to use it

Know who the local emergency managers in your area are

Update facility emergency plan

Train employees in implementing your emergency plan

Regularly inspect maintain, repair and upgrade personal protective equipment.