

Your Post-Hurricane Assessment Checklist

CHECKLIST FOR HOME

The safety and well-being of your loved ones and yourself is top priority.

eCompliance is supporting our community in any way shape, or form to assist in recovering from this Hurricane and bounce back as quickly as possible.

Our mission at eCompliance is solely based on ensuring everyone goes home safely, every day. Without a safe home to return to, we want to step in and provide a Post-Hurricane Assessment to help with the aftermath of Hurricane Laura.

The purpose of this checklist is to help anyone who is trying to assess the damage to their home from Hurricane Laura, and who is seeking ways to reduce potential hazards.

The information has been sourced from our team of safety experts at **eCompliance**, the **National Institute of Environmental Health and Sciences**, as well as the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**.

Here's an overview of the sections included in this Post Hurricane Assessment for your home:

- Home entry
- Utilities (Gas and Electric)
- Seepage and/or Sewer Back-up
- Social services
- Food
- Medication
- Pets
- Family and Friends



For more information, please contact your local authorities or these emergency numbers:

American Red Cross
1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

Texas Emergency Helpline
211 or 877-541-7905

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
1-800-985-5990

Louisiana Hurricane Hotline
1-800-351-6712

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LOCATION: _____ DATE: _____

PREPARED BY: _____



1 DISCLAIMER

1.1 eCompliance provides online tools to assist people with their EHS needs. This assessment is not intended to be all-inclusive legal information or to provide legal advice. Although we go to great lengths to make sure our information is accurate and useful, we recommend you consult an appropriate professional for assurance that our information, and your interpretation of it, is appropriate to your particular situation.



2 HOME ENTRY

2.1 Please follow the steps below to determine whether your home is safe to enter. If any of the questions are marked as "FAIL", it is not safe to enter your home and you should return to your nearest community support center or shelter for further instructions.

2.2 I am protecting myself before entering my home with the following PPE:

Rubber Gloves, Rubber Boots, Mask, Goggles

Pass Fail N/A

2.3 My street and sidewalks are dry.

Pass Fail N/A

2.4 My yard is clear of debris. If not, I have categorized it into different categories as presented by the [National Institute of Environmental Health and Sciences](#) in front of my home.

Pass Fail N/A

2.5 My windows and doors are intact.

Pass Fail N/A

2.6 When I enter my residence it appears to be dry.

Pass Fail N/A

If question (2.6) failed, call your local power provider to have your outside power meter turned off before addressing the damage. If I need to call my local power provider, I have done so and have written my reference number below.

2.7 The power is NOT ON or if the power is ON there is no water in my basement above any of the electrical outlets. If there is water in your home, DO NOT TURN THE POWER ON. Call an electrician to assess the situation.

Pass Fail N/A

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2.8 My carbon monoxide detector is working and if damaged, I have called the appropriate organization for assistance.

Pass Fail N/A

2.9 If windows and doors have been boarded up, I have opened them all to let fresh air in and avoid mold. I have also dried everything inside my home to avoid mold.

Pass Fail N/A

2.10 If floodwater is found in your home, assume it is contaminated and wash your hands. I have made sure I have no open wounds which have come into contact with floodwater and sought medical aid, if needed.

Pass Fail N/A

2.11 I have disinfected or thrown away anything that may have come into contact with contaminated flood water.

Pass Fail N/A

3 UTILITIES (GAS AND ELECTRIC)

3.1 In case of an emergency - call 911.

3.2 For non-emergency calls about natural gas service or appliances, call your local gas provider.

3.3 No odors or leaking/exposed gas lines (if "Fail" - dial 911, leave the house immediately, and wait outside for the emergency crews to arrive.)

Pass Fail N/A

3.4 All appliances that were submerged in water (i.e. furnace, hot water heater, stove) have been inspected and pilot relights conducted by a Licensed Gas Fitter or plumber (this is MANDATORY)

Pass Fail N/A

3.5 I am aware of the fact that if my residence does not have electrical service, I should NOT use camp stoves, gas heaters, gas powered generators INSIDE my home.

Pass Fail N/A

3.6 Before I use candles inside my house, I have ensured that I have a working battery-operated smoke alarm in my home and fire extinguishers nearby.

Pass Fail N/A

4 SEEPAGE AND/OR SEWER BACKUP

4.1 If I have water in the basement which has seeped in through the foundation, I have contacted my insurance company for directions on what is covered and who to contact for repairs.

Pass Fail N/A



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4.2 If the sewer has backed up in my basement, I have contacted 311 by phone or by using the 311 handheld app available on all smartphone devices, to submit a service request.

Pass Fail N/A

5 SOCIAL SERVICES

5.1 If needed, I have contacted social services by calling 211. (Please be patient as call volumes are high).

Pass Fail N/A

5.2 If needed, I have contacted the crisis text line by texting HOME to 741-741.

Pass Fail N/A

5.3 Contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to assist with connecting to family members who may have been displaced.

Pass Fail N/A



6 FOOD

6.1 I understand that the area under the seal of jars and bottles cannot be adequately disinfected and that those containers and the content has to be discarded.

Pass Fail N/A

6.2 I have destroyed refrigerated and frozen foods which have thawed or have spent an unknown amount of time in refrigerators without power (If in doubt, throw it out!).

Pass Fail N/A

6.3 Floodwaters carry disease and germs and only foods sealed in metal cans are safe. I have discarded all food that is not sealed in a can.

Pass Fail N/A

6.4 I have discarded damaged or blown (bulged) cans

Pass Fail N/A

6.5 If the seal of the cans is UNDAMAGED, I have cleaned the outside of the can with a warm detergent solution.

Pass Fail N/A

6.6 I have used a firm brush to clean the area around the rims and caps.

Pass Fail N/A

6.7 I have disinfected clean cans in a solution containing chlorine or other strong disinfectant.

Pass Fail N/A

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6.8 I have rinsed and dried the cans before storing to prevent metal corrosion.

Pass Fail N/A

6.9 I have disposed of the following if they have come into contact with flood waters:

- the contents of freezer and/or refrigerator
- all meats
- fresh fruits
- fresh vegetables
- all boxed foods
- all products in jars (including home preserves)
- all bottled drinks
- all medicines
- all cosmetics
- other toilet items

Pass Fail N/A

7 MEDICATION

7.1 All medications that require refrigeration may no longer be safe to consume -I have discarded all refrigerated medicine (contact your pharmacist if you are unsure).

Pass Fail N/A

8 PETS

8.1 If my pet is lost or was found deceased in my home, I have called 311.

Pass Fail N/A

9 FAMILY AND FRIENDS

9.1 I have discussed the contents of this list with my family (spouse and children) and friends/volunteers that may come in contact with my property.

Pass Fail N/A

10 ADDITIONAL INFO

10.1 Additional photos/comments (optional):

