



Disaster Recovery Plans

Disaster Recovery Plans (DRP) is becoming a priority like never before. More and more businesses and homeowners are beginning to understand the importance of preparing for a disaster before it happens.

It is unrealistic for us to feel that we are safe from perils such as fire; flood, explosion, and computer malfunction (to mention a few). Being prepared for serious incidents such as these will keep you one step ahead of the game.

What if you had a fire that resulted in the total loss of your investment property? Would you remember every last possession that you own? Chances are, no. Having a DRP in a situation like this would be of great benefit. Within minutes you will be able to provide a pre-loss inventory list to your insurance carrier, whereas it may have taken you weeks or even months if you hadn't been prepared. This will allow you to settle your claim faster, more legitimately, and with more efficiency.

Do-it-yourself inventory programs are available, or you can hire an outside professional to do the inventory for you. When Action Restoration is contracted to create a pre-loss inventory list, you will be given a detailed inventory list of each item in the property, the replacement cost of each item, and a photograph of each item that was inventoried. It is up to the property owner to determine the extent of detail for each inventory report.

Since there are so many potentially disastrous events that can occur, it is hard to pinpoint what will best suit your current situation. Below are some suggestions to get you started?

- Risk assessment: Determine what incident will most likely affect your property.
- Prevention: The best way to prepare for disaster is by avoiding disaster. Therefore, look for potential problems and correct them.
- Maintenance: Changes to organizations occur all the time - it is important that your DRP reflects these changes.
- Off-site back-up systems for you computer server.
- Additional endorsements on homeowners insurance (i.e.; sump pump coverage, landslides, sewer backup, jewelry, inflation protection endorsements etc...)
- Remember, whatever the ultimate cause of the disaster, ***ACTION RESTORATION INC.*** stands prepared to assist in the recovery. For additional information on services available, feel free to contact our expert professional restoration staff at: **(616) 797-0847**

Suggested websites:

www.disaster-recovery-guide.com

www.drj.com

www.disaster-recovery-plan.com

The Italian Tomato Garden

An Old Italian lived alone in New Jersey. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, as the ground was hard.

His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison.
The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament:

Dear Vincent,

I am feeling pretty sad, because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days.

Love,
Papa

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

Dear Pop,

Don't dig up that garden. That's where the bodies are buried.

Love,
Vinnie

At 4 a.m. the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left. That same day the old man received another letter from his son.

Dear Pop,

Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do.

DANGEROUS DILIGENCE?

Branches cracked as the tree smashed toward the ground. With a thud the birch tree landed, startling birds into silence. Unconcerned, a furry brown mammal waddled toward the top of the tree and began to gnaw away extra branches.

The expression "busy as a beaver did not come about by chance. Throughout history, beavers have consistently demonstrated such diligence as they build repair, and strengthen that they have become a figure of speech.

Beavers' diligence directly affects their life span; they must continue to work or they will die. A beaver's teeth never stop growing, and gnawing trees keeps them worn down. If a beaver stops chewing wood, his teeth grow so large he cannot eat, and he will quickly starve.

Benjamin Franklin was well-known in his time and is still revered for contributions to American history. Although one successful career is sufficient for most people, Franklin had seven-some simultaneously! He was a scientist, inventor, statesman, printer, philosopher, musician, and economist.

Franklin credited his success to a particular proverb often repeated by his father: "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before (ordinary) men. At the end of his life, Franklin could reflect "I have stood before five Kings and dined with two."

Your diligence in small tasks will directly affect your success in larger responsibilities. A habit of diligence, though difficult to build, is not soon broken, and can make the difference between success and failure.