

# PROTECT THE ESSENTIALS

## SMALL BUSINESS PREPAREDNESS

### **Employees – the most valuable resource**

- Know multiple ways to contact them and a friend/family member in case of emergency.
- Encourage them to make a family emergency plan.

### Technology – protect data and systems

- Maintain antivirus and other protections for your equipment and computer network systems.
- Identify data to backup, implement hardware and software backup procedures, conduct regular backups and validate that backup data is available.
- Ensure payroll systems are secure and available during an event
- Develop an IT Disaster Recovery Plan to be able to restore hardware, applications and data in timely fashion.

### Building, equipment, supplies and other assets

- Purchase back-up generator or other power source for critical equipment, such as computers, climate control, refrigeration.
- Keep your site secure with locks, alarms, security cameras, proper lighting and employee/contractor badges, as applicable
- Store supplies in a secure and safe place
- Visit with local police liaison for training or services available to prevent crime and ensure worker safety

Check out <a href="https://www.ready.gov/business">www.ready.gov/business</a> or <a href="https://www.disastersafety.org">www.disastersafety.org</a> for more helpful tips.

