

BBC Friday - 7 August 2015: “Your Business Economic Disaster Recovery Plan”

What happens after Mt. Rainer blows? Or that really big earthquake hits? Or Iran tests its first dirty bomb in a container ship tied up in Tacoma? Or AI Autonomous KillerRobot riots economically cripple most of Seattle and the I-5 corridor from Bellingham to Olympia? Or Mt. Rainer blows?



How does Bainbridge Island survive until the county/state/FEMA arrives: 3 days, 2 weeks, 1 month?

Earthquake proof structures – are your business’ buildings (e.g. OfficeXpats) up to code? Your insurance?

Backup plan for school-age kids – is there someone else who can pick up your kids?

B.I. will have finite resources, including drinkable water, if there's no power. Make sure you have a regularly updated stock of supplies. The issue is not just for your home, but for the impact on your business, especially the economic impact, for your own work, as well as for local economic sustainability and the regional/national economic situation. (But ... *DON'T PANIC!*)

Consider getting a generator and have properly stored gas on hand (and gas stabilizer such as STA-BIL® or SeaFoam®) or have other fuels such as propane. Even better is alternative power, if possible, such as solar, wind, mind.

AND have a business recovery plan. There could be federal or state aid, but this can take time. Plus, once the money is available, what is your plan to put it into place to get back up and running – fast? (*Oh, and don't forget to have plenty of SPAM® on hand!*)

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Resources: ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN AND FEMA

National disaster recovery framework and the economic recovery support function:

https://www.fema.gov/pdf/recoveryframework/economy_rsf.pdf

FEMA’s planning, preparation, and mitigation measures for small businesses:

<https://www.fema.gov/small-businesses>

FEMA economic recovery Hurricane Sandy example:

<http://www.fema.gov/news-release/2012/12/18/help-businesses-facing-economic-losses-caused-hurricane-sandy>

SBA disaster loans: <https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2014/05/29/sba-disaster-loan-can-be-smart-business>

SBA (US Small Business Administration) disaster recovery plans:

<https://www.sba.gov/content/disaster-recovery-plan>

Insurance Information Institute developing a small business disaster recovery plan:

<http://www.iii.org/article/developing-small-business-disaster-recovery-plan-0>

Prepare my business.org disaster planning: <http://www.preparemybusiness.org/planning>

Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management: <http://www.kitsapdem.org/>

