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CHECKLIST · HURRICANE SEASON

After the storm: getting back online

Safety first, equipment second. Switching on too soon turns storm damage into lost data.

Before you switch anything on

- [ ] The building is safe to enter, and power is stable (not flickering or on a shaky generator)
- [ ] Look for water on the floor, ceiling stains and wet equipment
- [ ] **Never power on equipment that got wet.** Leave it unplugged and call IT
- [ ] Take photos of any damage before you move anything, for insurance

Power up in this order

1. **Battery backups**
   Let them charge for a few minutes first.
2. **Internet modem**
   Wait until its lights settle, which can take 5 minutes.
3. **Firewall, then network switches and Wi-Fi**
   Wait a few minutes after each.
4. **Servers and storage**
   Call IT first if you have a server, so someone watches it come up.
5. **Computers, printers and phones**
   Last, once everything above is working.

Once you're running

- [ ] Everyone can reach email and files
- [ ] Check that the first backup after reopening runs
- [ ] Undo phone forwarding, the out-of-office and the website notice
- [ ] Watch for storm scams: fake aid, insurance and contractor emails