

Is your city *storm ready*?

01 Emergency Systems & Infrastructure

- Sirens tested within the last 30 days**
FEMA recommends testing at least once a month.
- Coverage gaps mapped and documented**
Rural and low-density zones are most often overlooked.
- Backup power verified and load-tested**
An untested generator may fail when it matters most.
- Failure protocols documented in writing**
Who declares a failure, who responds, in what timeframe.

QUICK CHECK

Would all residents receive an alert if a tornado warning was issued?

02 Supplier Readiness

- Pre-qualified vendor lists in place and current**
Lists must be kept current and include enough sources for open competition
- Contracts procured before the incident period**
Enables a deliberate process, free from disaster-time pressure.
- Mobilization timeframes confirmed in writing**
Written confirmation is auditable and protects post-event review.
- Mutual aid agreements with neighbours**
Fills vendor gaps faster than any new emergency contract.

QUICK CHECK

Do you know exactly who to call first in an emergency?

03 Procurement Readiness

- Emergency procurement procedures clearly defined**
Sole-source is allowed — but the justification must be pre-documented.
- Compliant cooperative contracts active**
Pre-competed cooperatives compress timelines dramatically.
- Pre-positioned scopes cover anticipated work**
Bad scopes force emergency mods — delays, disputes, exposure.

QUICK CHECK

Can you access a critical service this week without delay?

04 Internal Coordination

- Roles and responsibilities assigned in writing**
Ambiguity during a crisis costs time, money, and public trust.
- Procurement and EM teams briefed together**
Siloed briefings create gaps at exactly the wrong moment.
- Escalation paths name backup decision-makers**
If the primary lead is unreachable, who has authority?

QUICK CHECK

Would your team know what to do in the first 24 hours?

05 Communication & Public Safety

- Public alert systems tested on all channels**
Sirens, WEA, EAS, SMS, email, digital signage — a backup saves lives.
- Named contacts confirmed with county, state, NWS**
Agency agreements only work if individuals know they're on call.
- Public protocols published before storm season**
Residents who know what to expect respond faster.

QUICK CHECK

Can you clearly communicate with residents during a storm?

06 Post-Event Recovery

- Supplier performance documented throughout**
Records inform next-cycle contracting and support disputes.
- Lessons-learned debrief scheduled in the plan**
Build the debrief into the plan before the storm hits.
- Debris & restoration suppliers pre-signed**
A signed LOI beats a verbal commitment in a busy region.

QUICK CHECK

Are you ready for the days after the storm — not just the event?