



WINE INDUSTRY PREPAREDNESS & RESILIENCE CHECKLIST

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- Create back up emergency management structure and decision-making authority.
- Assemble and store employee home, cell and family contact details in multiple locations; ensure everyone knows how to access. Establish phone trees with contingencies.
- Register for appropriate emergency alerts: Sonoma County (SoCo); Mendocino County (Mendo-Alert); Napa, Marin and other counties (Nixle).
- Traditional “Fire season” and harvest overlap. Run drills for various stages of harvest. Know the disaster plan of vineyard management companies you employ.
- Have a multi-day solar system battery pack or generator on site as insurance against the cost of losing an entire year’s vintage if pump-overs and temperature controls are compromised.
- Invest in specific employee disaster training, e.g., First Aid, EMT, Wilderness Survival; emergency equipment, e.g., flashlights, N95 masks, fire extinguishers; and hold drills so response is automatic.
- Equip employees with supplies to shelter in place and safety equipment to evacuate; cut the power and make sure everyone still can get out.
- Assess off-road capabilities of on-site vehicles.
- Ask questions of all layers of the organization to gain valuable insight.
- Ensure data is mirrored off-site and/or in the cloud.
- Assess insurance coverage to ensure sufficient and appropriate coverage.
- Establish virtual, not physical/visual verification protocols using Cal Fire’s Structure Status Map for the Camp Fire.
- Communicate status reports to all stakeholders.

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