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Hurricane Season Preparedness

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- ✓ MAKE A KIT
- ✓ STAY CONNECTED

Hurricane Preparedness and Response for Water and Wastewater Facilities

via glatfelterpublicpractice.com

With the Atlantic Hurricane Season here and COVID-19 cases still high, now more than ever is the time to prepare and have evacuation plans in place. The season historically peaks in late August through early October, so now is the time to prepare for what may lie ahead.

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Hurricanes have the potential to cause significant disruption in the operations of facilities. In order to minimize the potential for a public impact and to provide continuity of operations, consider the checklist flyer below for tips before and after a hurricane impacts your facilities.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST >

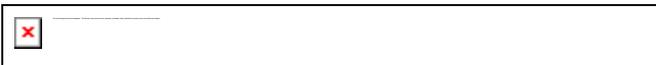
Modern Rainwater Harvesting Efforts Evolve Beyond Backyard Barrels

via texaswaternewsroom.org

It's not uncommon to see plastic rain barrels sitting next to homes waiting for the next rainfall to send water flowing into a downspout. Collecting and storing rainwater can provide water for a variety of residential uses, lower your water bill, and reduce demand on both surface and groundwater supplies. As a general rule of thumb, for every inch of rain that falls on a 2,000-square-foot roof, about 1,000 gallons of water can be collected.

Much of the growth in rainwater harvesting in Texas over the last few decades has been in small-scale, residential rainwater harvesting systems. For large-scale water supply needs, Texas businesses and institutions have traditionally relied primarily on centralized water distribution systems that haven't included large-scale rainwater catchment techniques.

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Submersible vs. Line Shaft Water Pumps and Motors: Failure and Replacement

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Recent loss experience has shown that electrical line disturbances can cause water pumps and motors to fail. To manage this risk, there are several steps authorities can take when designing, installing or replacing a water pump and motor system. These can help to reduce the potential for a pump failure and avoid the costs associated with replacing a failed water pump system.

> Pump Location

- > Operating Environment
- > Installation and Maintenance
- > Electrical Hazards

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Submersible Pump Lightning Damage

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Recent loss experience has shown us that lightning damage can occur on submersible pumps that have surge protection equipment installed in the control panel arrangement. Deep-well submersible pumps damaged by lightning can be very expensive to remove and repair. They can also cause loss of service.

Please look at the example on the flyer below involving lightning damage to a water authority's pump and motor. The flyer goes over what happened, what the consequences were, and how repair costs could have been reduced.

LIGHTNING DAMAGE FLYER >





Acclimatization Key to Protecting Workers from Heat-Related Illness

via worksafetexas.com

Most Texans know the basics of summer safety. We can rattle them off as easily as our shoe size, our birthday and, hopefully, our wedding anniversary. Still, it's easy to get complacent the longer sweltering temperatures hang around. And complacency can lead to serious heat-related illness.

During acclimatization, physical changes in blood vessels and sweating help the body spread heat more effectively.

If your employees work outside or in hot indoor environments, take a few minutes to promote some safety tips - full article below.

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