



Aren't 72 hours of supplies enough?

A three-day preparation kit is good enough for a power outage or winter storm, but not for an earthquake or any other large-scale catastrophe. The impact from disasters like those can be long-lasting.

It may take up to two weeks for first responders to reach certain areas under the worst circumstances. We recommend having two weeks of supplies on hand so you can be self-sufficient if your area is ever cut off from outside assistance.

Even people outside of disaster zones can experience fuel shortages and other related issues. Power and water may be available, but food and other goods might be harder to find. Preparedness is important in all areas of the state.



Credits

Oregon Office of Emergency Management

Websites

iema.illinois.gov
ready.illinois.gov



Prepare Your Workers



PREPARE YOUR PEOPLE TO COME BACK TO WORK



Introduction to "Two Weeks Ready"

Taking time to prepare for potential disasters could save your life and the lives of people that you know. Having three days of emergency supplies on hand is a great way to be ready for power outages or temporary evacuations, but bigger disasters that destroy roads and infrastructure demand more preparation. Acquiring supplies and assistance will be far more difficult under those circumstances, which is why individuals, families, communities, and businesses should have plans to be self-sufficient for two weeks.



Where would your business be without employees?

Businesses have a lot to lose during disasters, so they need to plan in order to facilitate their recovery. Bringing computer systems back online, repairing buildings, and replacing inventory are some of the things that shops and establishments must anticipate during the rebuilding process that follows most natural disasters. Employees also play a key role in that process, but research suggests that they don't usually come back to work after an emergency situation until they know that their closest contacts are safe and secure.



Business preparedness is employee preparedness

Business owners need to know how many of their employees are:

- "Two Weeks" Prepared
- Able to get to the work location
- Skilled in critical functions

Your business is much more likely to recover faster if you and your employees plan ahead for the worst. Being "two weeks" prepared is the goal.



How can I help employees prepare?

Talk to your employees about the plans that your business has to work through disasters and engage in recovery efforts. Direct them to guides on how to be self-sufficient for up to two weeks. It's also a good idea to provide supplies for employees like personal first aid kits and rations if your budget allows for it. Use some time during each staff meeting to ask how your people are preparing for what might happen and whether you can help them. Hosting a CPR course is also a smart move.