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PLAN (BEFORE)

- 1. Identify Vulnerabilities
- 2. Assess potential impact on Character Defining Features
- 3. Know your building/site
 - Locate shut offs
 - Identify possible hazardous materials
 - Mark underground utility locations
- 4. Documentation (and store safely!)
 - Plans/historic documents
 - Photos/Videos
- 5. Create a Maintenance Plan (and follow it!)
 - Identify Critical Systems
 - Prioritization
 - Develop a Contact list
- 6. Ongoing Monitoring to Prevent/Minimize damage
 - Check Drainage paths
 - Clearing vegetation/debris

Tips/Strategies



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PREPARE (DURING)

- Develop a contact list who are you going to call?
- 2. Plan for "On the Ground" reconnaissance
- 3. Protection (as possible as safety allows)
 - Boarding up/
 - Turning off utilities

RECOVER (AFTER)

- 1. Assess and "Safe" your building
- 2. Prioritize Repairs/Work Needed
- 3. Install Emergency Stabilization Measures
- 4. Apply Lessons Learned (aka Lather/Rinse/Repeat)

Tips/Strategies



Sperry Chalet Fire, 2017 Glacier NP



Scotty's Castle Flooding 2015 Death Valley NP







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