

## SERVPRO® of Tampa Offers Complimentary Emergency Ready Plans to Tampa area Property Owners

Be prepared for the next big disaster with a SERVPRO Emergency Ready Plan.

TAMPA, FL, UNITED STATES, October 1, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- SERVPRO of Tampa is providing complimentary Emergency Ready Plans (ERPs) to commercial property owners and managers with the Atlantic and Gulf storm season heating up for 2025. This initiative underscores their commitment to community safety and aims to support property owners in preparing for potential water, fire, chemical, and storm-related damages.

The greater Tampa, FL area, like the rest of Florida, has seen a dramatic increase in severe weather and climate events. Statewide data indicates that



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the annual average of billion-dollar weather and climate disasters in Florida has climbed to 6.8 incidents per year for the period of 2020-2024, a significant rise from the historical average of 2.1 incidents annually from 1980-2024.

For commercial properties, the threats are varied but primarily rooted in wind, storm surge, and excessive rainfall. The Tampa Bay region, while historically spared a direct catastrophic hurricane hit since 1921, is highly vulnerable to storm surge and inland flooding, as demonstrated by the near-misses and impacts from recent storms. For instance, Hurricane Idalia (2023) caused significant coastal flooding in the area. Hurricane Debby (2024) brought torrential rainfall, leading to major river and flash flooding that necessitated water rescues and road closures in nearby counties. Major Hurricanes Ian (2022), Helene (2024), and Milton (2024), while making landfall outside of Tampa Bay, caused widespread impacts, including storm surge, tornadoes,

and heavy rain that affected the broader region. The costs and operational downtime resulting from such events can be substantial, especially in a region where one-third of all buildings face significant flood risk.

"Proactive measures are no longer optional. Implementing a detailed contingency plan, such as a property-specific Emergency Ready Plan, allows businesses to minimize downtime and quickly mobilize recovery efforts to mitigate the high costs of water and storm damage," stated an industry expert.

Homeowners also face persistent risks, with the threat of storm surge, flash flooding, and severe convective weather (tornadoes and hail) being



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prevalent. The high moisture content and heat of the Florida climate mean that any unaddressed water intrusion—from storm surge, heavy rain, or burst pipes—creates an immediate environment for mold growth, leading to substantial and complex restoration projects. Given the

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area's geography, rising sea levels and an increasing chance of extreme precipitation further elevate long-term property risks.

The SERVPRO Emergency Ready Plan (ERP) is a complimentary assessment and planning tool designed to assist property owners in preparing for emergencies. Key components and benefits include:

Rapid Response: The ERP identifies critical information such as utility shut-off locations, key contacts, and building access points, facilitating prompt action during an

incident.

Minimized Downtime and Costs: Pre-planning supports quicker mitigation and restoration, which can be more cost-effective than extensive replacement.

Streamlined Recovery: The plan provides essential details for insurance claims and can help expedite the authorization of necessary work.

Mobile Accessibility: The SERVPRO Ready Plan App stores all critical ERP information, including property details, utility shut-off locations, key contacts, and allows for the upload of damage photos and access to local weather information. This mobile accessibility ensures crucial data is available even when physical records might be compromised, and it can speed up the First Notice of Loss (FNOL) submission process.

"Proactive planning is essential for property owners in today's environment," stated Jeff Truitt, Owner of <u>SERVPRO of Tampa</u>. "Our complimentary ERP is designed to provide commercial property managers and homeowners with a structured approach to emergency preparedness, supporting effective response and recovery."



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Property owners in the designated areas are encouraged to schedule a complimentary Emergency Ready Plan assessment.

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