

Structure Collapse Response Procedure

(for fire related collapses, see Fire Emergencies)

List who to call:

- Call 911 or local emergency response coordinators, at numbers below:

- Fire _____

- Ambulance _____

- Police _____

- Speak clearly and provide the location of the accident or emergency.
- Describe any victim(s) and the nature of any injuries.
- Describe any hazardous or flammable materials stored in this facility and note if any are leaking (gasoline, ethanol, biodiesel, diesel, bottled gases, crop protection products).
- Contact other people as appropriate (owners, managers, employees, neighbors, electrician, plumber) for additional assistance with injuries or providing back-up equipment, power, feed or water. Refer also to your master Emergency Contact List.

- Contact your insurance agent to report any losses and obtain advice about clean-up and restoration needs.

- Name and number _____

- Municipality (regarding disposal restrictions or requirements):

- Name and number _____

List what steps or activities should be taken and, if applicable, who is responsible:

- Wear sturdy boots and shoes when venturing near the collapsed structure. Consider protective head gear as well.
- Do not touch downed power lines or objects in contact with downed lines. Report electrical hazards to the police and the utility company.
- Perform a head count and notify first responders if missing personnel.
- Consider disconnecting the power/electricity and shutting off the gas unless doing so jeopardizes your safety.
- Survey the outside and inside of your barns and other structures for structural damage, sharp objects, downed power lines, damaged gas lines, or other hazards. Assess the stability and safety,
- If animals were housed in the structure, examine surviving animals closely; contact your veterinarian if you observe injuries.
- Euthanasia of injured animals should only be performed by properly trained and competent personnel.
- Be aware animal behavior may change due to the stress of the event.
- Record any animal deaths.
- Dispose of dead carcasses using proper deadstock disposal methods.



- Before beginning clean-up and disposal operations, be sure to check with your insurance company and your municipality regarding requirements and restrictions.
- Be aware of hazards that may cause injury to you or others cleaning up - these can include chain saw injuries, electrical or chemical hazards.
- Do not feed water damaged or moldy feed. Wet but reusable feed may be taken to a grain dryer.
- Check machinery and equipment for damage.
- Utilize tarps to protect exposed feed or moisture sensitive equipment.
- Take photographs of all damage for insurance or emergency assistance purposes. Document actions taken including timeline.
- **If the press or animal activists should arrive at the scene, don't be rude. Be cordial but explain that you are focused on the care of the animals and safety of the premises.** Direct them to police or fire officials on site.
- Other:

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