



# Craters & Freighters Phoenix

## Haboob Preparedness Checklist for Businesses

Arizona businesses can use this checklist to ensure they are fully prepared before, during, & after a dust storm.

### **Before Haboob Season (Pre-Season Preparation)**

- ☐ Conduct a risk assessment to identify vulnerable assets and operations.
- ☐ Schedule HVAC system maintenance and install high-efficiency air filters.
- ☐ Ensure all doors, windows, and vents are properly sealed against dust intrusion.
- ☐ Implement a dust-resistant packaging strategy for stored inventory and sensitive equipment.
- ☐ Develop a business continuity plan, including alternative supply chain strategies.
- ☐ Train employees on dust storm safety protocols and emergency procedures.
- ☐ Secure outdoor equipment, signage, and loose materials to prevent wind damage.
- ☐ Test backup power sources, including generators and UPS systems.
- ☐ Establish communication protocols for alerting staff and customers about storm impacts.

### **When a Haboob is Approaching**

- ☐ Monitor local weather alerts and warnings for approaching dust storms.
- ☐ Secure all open warehouse doors, loading docks, and access points.
- ☐ Shut down and cover sensitive machinery and electronic systems.
- ☐ Activate air filtration and dust control systems.
- ☐ Relocate vehicles, equipment, and outdoor materials to protected areas.
- ☐ Alert employees to take shelter indoors and avoid unnecessary travel.
- ☐ Ensure emergency kits and first aid supplies are readily available.
- ☐ Verify that all essential data and documents are backed up securely.

## During the Haboob

- ☐ Keep all employees indoors and avoid outdoor exposure.
- ☐ Minimize movement within the facility to reduce dust disturbance.
- ☐ Use N95 masks or respirators if necessary to maintain air quality indoors.
- ☐ Ensure backup power sources remain operational if electricity is lost.
- ☐ Monitor air quality and ventilation systems to prevent dust buildup.
- ☐ Stay updated with emergency broadcasts for any additional alerts.

## After the Haboob

- ☐ Conduct a thorough facility inspection for dust infiltration and damage.
- ☐ Clean HVAC filters, air vents, and indoor surfaces to remove accumulated dust.
- ☐ Assess and document any equipment, inventory, or infrastructure damage.
- ☐ Contact vendors and logistics providers to address any shipment disruptions.
- ☐ Review emergency response effectiveness and update preparedness plans accordingly.
- ☐ Communicate with employees and customers about operational status and recovery steps.
- ☐ Schedule necessary repairs or maintenance to prevent long-term issues.

By following this checklist, businesses can significantly reduce downtime, protect critical assets, and maintain operational resilience in the face of Arizona's powerful haboobs.

**Need expert assistance in preparing for haboobs?**  
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