

Emergency Preparedness Planning, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery Resources for Cultural Institutions

***American Institute for Conservation (AIC)**

<http://conservation-us.org>

Washington, DC

Tel: 202-452-9545

AIC provides referrals of conservation professionals to the public. The disaster recovery page is at www.conservation-us.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.viewPage&pageId=593&parentID=472

American Library Association

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alcts/confevents/preswk/tools/disaster.cfm>

Chicago, IL

This site has preparedness, mitigation and recovery resources for libraries and librarians. A selected annotated bibliography for disaster response is available at

<http://www.ala.org/ala/professionalresources/libfactsheets/alalibraryfactsheet10.cfm>

AMIGOS Library Services

<http://www.amigos.org/>

Dallas, TX

Tel: 800-843-8482

Amigos Preservation Services (APS) are available to archives and libraries in the Southwestern U.S., primarily the states of Arizona, Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, with planning activities and recovery from damage caused by various emergency situations, including natural disasters. Prior to, or following an emergency, APS can provide information, guidance, referrals to local resources and on-site assistance as required.

Balboa Art Conservation Center

<http://www.bacc.org/>

San Diego, CA

Offers salvage information and advice; call 619-236-9702.

California Preservation Program

<http://calpreservation.org/disasters/>

Provides a generic plan that can be downloaded, lists numerous resources, and features a Disaster Plan Exercise that can be used to test an already existing plan and to help train staff.

Colorado Preservation Alliance - Disaster Recovery Resource List

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alcts/confevents/preswk/tools/disaster.cfm>

Includes organizations and companies that provide specialized information and disaster recovery services.

***Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts (CCAHA)**

<http://www.ccaha.org/>

Philadelphia, PA

Tel: 215-545-0613

CCAHA offers disaster recovery services for damaged paper-based collections including technical information and referrals, as well as some on-site assistance for Mid-Atlantic organizations. Excellent publications, including some on-line, about mold and disaster recovery of photographs, books, and works of art on paper.

See: <http://www.ccaha.org/publications/technical-bulletins>

***Conservation OnLine**

<http://cool.conservation-us.org/>

CoOL is a full text library of conservation information, covering a wide spectrum of topics. The Disaster Preparedness and Response section includes plans, case histories, and other documents, as well as links to numerous resources. See <http://cool.conservation-us.org/bytopic/disasters/>

Council of State Archivists

<http://www.statearchivists.org/prepare/framework/index.htm>

Links to resources beyond preparedness include disaster recovery and salvage of historical records. See http://www.statearchivists.org/arc/states/res_disa.htm

***FEMA**

<http://www.fema.gov/>

<http://www.fema.gov/plan/index.shtm>

Historic preservation information, with links to the on-line *Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel* and *Coping with Flood Damaged Property*, tips for homeowners.

Georgia Department of Archives and History

http://www.sos.state.ga.us/archives/how_may_we_help_you/emergency_advice/default.htm

The GDAH site includes preservation technical leaflets and disaster recovery and preparedness guidelines, as well as information on the Southeast Regional Conservation Association.

***Heritage Preservation**

<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/>

Washington, DC

Tel: 202-233-0800

Founding partner of the Heritage Emergency National Task Force, publisher of the *Emergency Response and Salvage Wheel* with links to numerous resources. Free downloadable Risk Evaluation and Planning Program tools: <http://www.heritagepreservation.org/repp/index.html> to help assess and prioritize risks.

Inland Empire Library Disaster Response Network

<http://www.ieldrm.org/>

San Bernardino, CA

IELDRN offers a model Mutual Aid Agreement and disaster plans.

***Library of Congress Preservation Directorate**

<http://www.loc.gov/preservation/>

<http://www.loc.gov/preservation/emergprep/>

Washington, DC

Tel: 202-707-5213

Emergency Drying Procedures for Water Damaged Collections. Concise information and

broadly covers air-drying of paper, framed items, books, photographs, and recovery of water-damaged collections that have mold.

Library Preservation at Harvard

<http://preserve.harvard.edu/emergencies/index.html>

Useful information about emergency response and salvage of library materials. Includes planning templates and salvage information for many types of collections.

***Michigan Alliance for the Conservation of Cultural Heritage**

<http://www.macch.org>

Detroit/Lansing, MI

A statewide nonprofit organization composed of libraries, archives, museums, historical societies and preservation networks. The Alliance provides updated information on disaster planning, mitigation and recovery, as well as a list of local suppliers for disaster preparedness.

***Michigan State University Libraries**

<http://matrix.msu.edu/~disaster/>

This is a searchable database for disaster recovery supplies and linked through macch.org.

Midwest Art Conservation Center

<http://www.preserveart.org/>

South Minneapolis, MN

Tel: 612-870-3120

A nonprofit regional conservation center working in the Upper Midwest. Emergency assistance is a high priority for the Field Services Department. Assistance in emergency preparedness planning is provided in the form of telephone consultations, on-site visits, and workshops. The Field Services Department is available 24 hours a day to assist in emergency response and recovery: phone 612-870-3128; fax 612-870-3118; or e-mail umca@qwest.net.

Minnesota Historical Society

<http://www.mnhs.org/preserve/conservation/emergency.html>

St. Paul, MN

Conservation Department: 651-297-1867; in greater Minnesota 1-800-657-3773.

Salvage procedures for wet items including personal belongings, historic buildings and government records damaged by natural disasters.

Museum SOS

http://www.museum-sos.org/htm/what_is_sos.html

Events, strategies, and resources for developing ties between cultural heritage stewards and emergency responders and dealing with disasters.

National Archives and Records Administration

<http://www.archives.gov/>

College Park, MD

Tel: 301-837-0482

Resources on disaster preparedness, response, and vital records.

The National Center for Preservation Technology & Training

<http://www.ncptt.nps.gov/category/disaster-recovery/>

The NCPTT Web site has information about emergency response and disaster links.

***National Park Service Park Museum Management Program**

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/museum/>

The Web site offers a number of disaster-related resources available for free download, including a sample Disaster Plan, the Conserve O Gram series of preservation-related technical publications http://www.nps.gov/museum/publications/consveogram/cons_toc.html, and the National Park Service Museum Handbook.

***Northeast Document Conservation Center**

<http://www.nedcc.org/>

Andover, MA

Tel: 978-470-1010

Free downloadable disaster planning outline: DPlan™ On-line Preservation Manual including worksheet for outlining a disaster plan, suppliers list, and salvage information. There is also an extensive list of web resources for paper-based collections. As part of its Field Service, NEDCC offers emergency assistance for institutions and individuals with damaged paper-based collections. NEDCC provides free telephone advice 24 hours a day if a disaster occurs. See: <http://www.nedcc.org/disaster/sources.php> and <http://www.dPlan.org>.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

<http://www.osha.gov/>

This Web site offers safety information, including *A Brief Guide to Mold in the Workplace* at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/shib/shib101003.html>

***American Red Cross**

<http://www.redcross.org/portal/site/en/menuitem.86f46a12f382290517a8f210b80f78a0/?vgnexto id=92d51a53f1c37110VgnVCM1000003481a10aRCRD>

Preparedness information before, during and after a disaster or emergency situation; plus a resource library, both available in English and Spanish.

Regional Alliance for Preservation

<http://www.rap-arcc.org/>

RAP is a membership network of Preservation Field Service programs and Regional Conservation Centers (ARCC) whose mission is to provide comprehensive preservation information to cultural institutions and the public throughout the United States. They do not provide direct service, but their website can direct you to regional members.

San Diego/Imperial County Libraries Disaster Response Network

<http://orpheus.ucsd.edu/sildrn/>

San Diego, CA

SILDRN is a regional cooperative organization, providing mutual aid in preparing for and coping with disasters affecting libraries; site includes planning, recovery and supplier information.

Society of American Archivists

http://www.archivists.org/news/katrina_fund.asp

This site has numerous articles and provides emergency disaster assistance grant funds.

***LYRASIS**

<http://www.lyrasis.org/Products-and-Services/Digital-and-Preservation-Services/Disaster-Resources.aspx>

Atlanta, GA

Tel: 404-892-0943

LYRASIS is the nation's largest regional membership organization serving libraries and information professionals - providing opportunities for networking and collaboration, offering innovative solutions, and significant cost savings through group purchasing for products and services. LYRASIS members now include over 4,000 member libraries and cultural heritage institutions across the US and beyond. Through the National Endowment for the Humanities, LYRASIS provides a variety of publications and linked resources for institutions to more fully develop an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of disaster planning and response. These include Disaster Assistance, Prevention and Planning, and Response and Recovery. Note: LYRASIS was formed in 2009 when regional library cooperatives PALINET (which serves libraries in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and beyond) merged with SOLINET (Southeastern Library Network, Inc. - which serves more than 2500 members in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and the Caribbean). NELINET, the New England library network joined the organization in late 2009.

Western Association for Art Conservation (WAAC)

<http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/waac/>

The WAAC site includes a searchable list of the numerous articles it has published on disaster response and recovery. A special issue of *The WAAC Newsletter*, printed September 2005 (vol. 27, no. 3), on Disaster Salvage and Response is available in print form. It includes information on health and safety for salvage operations, a reprint with a new introduction of Betty Walsh's "Salvage Operations for Water Damaged Archival Collections" and the "Salvage at a Glance" chart (in the print version this is printed on waterproof synthetic paper), a basic primer on mold, as well as a collection of new information and reprinted materials from a number of sources.