An unexpected fire. A sudden earthquake. A devastating hurricane. Or maybe just a busted pipe. Disaster can strike anytime, anywhere. What will you do? The answer is simple. STAY CALM. CALL BELFOR.
Fire Damage
• Allow smoke to escape by opening vents, windows, and doors. Turn on fans or install fans as needed.
• Organize a fire watch in your community/area and review emergency plans periodically.
• Cover electronics, machines and equipment with plastic sheeting as long as extinguishing water is flowing or dripping.
• Pump out or extract residual extinguishing water into tanks for temporary storage.
• Remove objects soaked by water such as furniture, curtains, carpets, floor covering and more.
• Disconnect electrical supply to equipment and disconnect back-up batteries when it is safe to do so.
• Place electronic devices, machines, stock and inventory in dry storage.
• To minimize further corrosion, try to keep the relative humidity at less than 40% in the room or inside plastic sheeting tents erected to protect valuable items.
• Blow in dry air or set up an air dehumidifier.
• Apply corrosion prevention agents to machinery and technical equipment.
• Safeguard unaffected areas. Isolate fire contaminated areas to prevent cross-contamination.

Water Damage
• Extract water as quickly as possible to stop any water damage which cannot be reversed such as swelling and discoloration.
• Remove soaked objects such as furniture, curtains, carpet, floor coverings and more.
• Apply corrosion prevention agents to protect and preserve equipment, electronics and machinery.
• If walls, floors and ceilings are very wet or totally saturated, demolition or special drying efforts are essential.
• Reduce the relative humidity to less than 40% as quickly as possible to slow down the corrosion process and discourage mold growth.
• Raise furniture and insert plastic wedges or styrofoam blocks underneath to prevent moisture wicking up from below.
• Begin drying as soon as possible with dessicant or refrigerant dehumidifiers. Use a professional for these services as some items can be damaged by inappropriate drying techniques.
• Pack books and documents in a cardboard box lined with a plastic trash bag.
• For valuable items and bound materials, use a wax paper sling to prevent color transfer.
• Maintain a good inventory of wet materials.
• Freeze any wet books or documents as quickly as possible. A refrigerator freezer or upright/chest freezer is acceptable.

Dust Damage
• Switch off and do not operate equipment or electronic devices if possible. Dust contaminants can cause increased wear to moving parts, overheating and abrasive damage.
• If damage is caused by a Type ABC powder extinguishing agent, attempt to maintain humidity levels below 40% to minimize corrosion.