



Maine Historical Records Advisory Board

Disaster Response Resources for Maine records collecting institutions

While no cultural institution wants to be faced with a disaster, such events can occur when we least expect them. That is why it is best to have a disaster response plan in place, to be prepared when and if a disaster strikes. Here is a list of some helpful resources, to support your preparation work:

- Create a Disaster Response plan, with **dPlan**: <https://www.dplan.org/>
- Northeast Document Conservation Center disaster response programs:
 - **24/7 Collections Emergency Hotline: 1-855-245-8303**: NEDCC staff members are available 24/7 to provide telephone advice to institutions and individuals handling collection-related disasters. Information provided includes advice on drying wet collections and dealing with damage from fire, pests, and mold. This service does not include on-site assistance.
 - **National Heritage Responders: 1-202-661-8068**: The American Institute for Conservation's National Heritage Responders (NHR) is a highly skilled team of conservators and other collections care professionals with expertise in emergency response. NHR members provide advice and on-site response to **institutions** via the hotline number listed above. All assistance provided by the NHR is free. Less urgent questions can also be answered by emailing info@conservation-us.org. **Individuals** and the general public should email NHRpublichelpline@culturalheritage.org for advice.
- **NEDCC online disaster response tips and guidance**: <https://www.nedcc.org/free-resources/disaster-assistance/>
- **NEDCC Preservation Leaflets** – technical leaflets on emergency preparedness topics.
 - [Emergency Planning](#)
 - [Worksheet for Outlining an Emergency Response Plan](#)



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