

10 Questions Every County Judge Should Ask During the Response Phase

1. Do I need to Declare a State of Emergency, do I need to establish any curfews or limits (see KRS39A.100)?
2. What is the status of my Lifeline Infrastructure?
3. Have we sent the Declaration to the State and spoken with someone in the State EOC?
4. Is my County's EOC operational?
5. Do we need to open shelters?
6. Have we applied all the county's resources to help in the disaster
7. When am I going to meet with heads of departments (i.e. Fire, Police, Sheriff, Roads, Emergency Management) to get a status update and to set my priorities.
8. Is the situation getting worse, better, or about the same?
9. Is there anything we need that we don't have?
10. Do we need to or have we activated county to county mutual aid or regional mutual aid?

10 Questions Every County Judge Should Ask During the Stabilization Phase

1. Do we have enough resources to meet the needs ?
2. Do we need extra law enforcement to maintain security in the impacted areas or at critical facilities?
3. What is the status of power, water, roads, food, and fuel in the county and what can we do to bring more online?
4. Do we need a shelter and how long do we think that we will need to have the shelter open?
5. What extra support or resources do we need for a shelter and who is going to be in charge of its operations?
6. Are there any isolated areas of the county; if so how are we providing emergency services to those areas?
7. Are we getting word out on the locations of shelters, feeding stations, and/or medical aid stations?
8. Have we activated our long term recovery committee and when are we going to meet.
9. What is the plan for continuing to improve the situation over the next few days.
10. What is the status of businesses across the county; how many are working, how many are shut down.

10 Questions Every County Judge Should Ask During the Recovery Phase

1. Have we conducted a full inspection for damage in the county?
2. Have we collected all the information needed for FEMA Public Assistance and Individual Assistance Survey?
3. Have we collected all the information relevant to overtime, rentals, or equipment use?
4. Who will be our Applicant Agent for the county?
5. What are our priority infrastructure projects?
6. What are we doing or what can we do to help those with damaged or destroyed homes?
7. What is being done to help impacted businesses and do we have anyone talking about not re-opening?
8. When is my first meeting with the Long Term Recovery Committee?
9. What is the status of county services and what do they need to get reopened?
10. Are there any immediate changes that need to be made to ordinances, building codes, or zone regulations that will either speed recovery or help lessen the impact of this kind of disaster in the future?

**10 Best
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For
Community
Recovery**

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**10 Best Management Practices For
Disaster Response**

1. Be pro-active not re-active; disasters only get worse the longer you wait.
2. Local businesses are the best resource for many items needed during disasters.
3. Prioritize and coordinate efforts to achieve the most reward.
4. Re-establishing power, water, food, fuel, and transportation should be the main priority following a disaster.
5. Start collecting information on disaster cost early; this will assist with damage assessment after the disaster.
6. Use resources to solve problems not just to do a job.
7. Educate yourself before the disaster so that you won't have to learn when disaster hits.
8. Support exercising the county and disaster plans, the more you practice the better the county will be in the a disaster.
9. The best decision based on advise from your experts.
10. Always conduct reviews after the disasters and apply the lessons learned.