



Resources to provide immediate support for the construction sector

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The Construction Sector Accord has convened conversations between sector stakeholders, Accord leadership and agencies to better understand where the Accord can support the sector in response to the damage and disruptions caused by recent severe weather events.

New resources

Risk Guide to working on a flood damaged property – CHASNZ

The Accord has worked with Construction Health and Safety NZ (CHASNZ) and MATES in Construction to develop this simple high-level guide to assist construction tradespeople involved in remediating flood damaged buildings and property.

[Risk Guide To Working On Flood Damaged Property](#)

Contractual guidance due to severe weather and flooding - The Construction Sector Accord

Guidance for procurers on what to do in response to floods, and how to ensure fair and reasonable negotiations for contracts impacted by severe weather events.

[Contractual guidance document and background](#)

Other resources available

Waste disposal guidance

The Accord has also heard requests from the sector for guidance for homeowners and construction workers about how to appropriately handle and dispose of flood-affected building



materials. We have connected with Auckland Council on this issue and will circulate guidance as it is developed.

General advice about dealing with flood waste can be found on the links below:

- [Cleaning your home and disposing of waste](#)
- [Disposing of storm related waste](#)
- [Dealing with rubbish](#)

These guides may also be useful for construction businesses and those dealing with flood-affected homeowners:

BRANZ – Restoring a home after flood damage

BRANZ has prepared comprehensive guidelines to help property owners remediate after a flood. The guidelines provide advice for staying safe and cleaning up (inside and out) in the immediate aftermath of a flood.

[Restoring a home after flood damage](#)

Extreme weather: Information for businesses

The extreme weather events in parts of the North Island have affected many businesses. [Business.govt.nz](https://www.business.govt.nz) have put a resource together that will help with information about:

- looking after your employees
- operating safely
- insurance claims
- finance and banking
- buildings and landlord responsibilities.

[Extreme weather information for businesses](#)

We are in this together



While the focus for those impacted by the severe weather events is on responding to the current situation and assessing the scale of the damage, the Accord is taking steps to understand the role we can play towards a coordinated recovery and repair phase.

The Accord would like to recognise the massive impact these two major weather events have had on many individuals, families, businesses, and communities. We also acknowledge the huge amount of work that is already being done by those across the construction sector with many people mobilised to respond urgently and assist with the clean-up and recovery. The construction sector is, and will continue to, play a critical role in the significant response required to rebuild across our regions.