

Vulnerability Assessment Worksheet: Determine if your assets are vulnerable to climate hazards. These questions can help to get you started. Adaptation options have been listed with each question to suggest possible ways to adapt to climate hazards.

Vulnerability Assessment	Yes/No/Unsure	Adaptation Option
1. Have any of the identified assets been previously impacted by flooding, storm surge, power outages, wind?		Do you have appropriate resilience measures for identified impacts on site? (e.g. sandbags)
2. What ecological assets/natural infrastructure are present nearby?		If none, can you add any natural infrastructure to the property to increase groundwater infiltration?
3. Are any of the identified assets within a flood zone? Are there any watercourses near the asset?		Have you considered flood proofing or relocating your business to avoid flooding impacts?
4. Are there stormwater interception drains in the area? Are drains ever clogged by debris?		Monitor stormwater interceptor drains and remove any debris to ensure water can freely pass through drains.
5. Are there areas where water pools on roadways, ditches, parking lots, etc.?		Are there rainfall capture methods used? (e.g. rain barrels, rain garden, etc.)
6. Are there erosional issues in the vicinity?		Is there any opportunity to manage erosion using natural infrastructure? (Trees, green retaining walls etc.)
7. Are assets accessible to the public? Are there any areas where employees or customers can be injured during extreme weather events?		Does your business have an emergency management plan? Are you able to communicate with staff and customers during an extreme event?
8. Does the business involve employees working outdoors?		Does your business health and safety plan? Can this plan be updated to include climate change hazards?
9. Does the business rely on national/international distributors? Has this supply chain ever been interrupted as a result of climate-related events?		Have you considered diversifying your distributor lists/supply chain?
10. Is your business product weather or climate sensitive? Do you rely on services that are?		Does your business have a continuity or risk management plan? Can this plan be updated to include climate change hazards?
11. Does the assets' insurance cover climate-related damages?		Contact your insurance broker to see what policies they offer.
12. Are there aging trees near assets or utility infrastructure?		Contact Saint John Energy, or a local arborist to remove trees near overhead utility lines or buildings.
13. Have there been any basement flooding issues?		Is there a sump pump or backflow valves installed in the basement?
14. How well do your buildings cope with high temperatures?		Do you have an air conditioning system? Do windows have shades, awnings, or overhangs?
15. Are there frequent power outages?		Have you considered a generator/solar panels for back-up power? Do you have data backed up? Are the back-ups located and secured in a safe place?