

CAUSES OF LOSS – BASIC FORM

A. COVERED CAUSES OF LOSS

When Basic is shown in the Declarations, Covered Causes of Loss means the following:

1. **Fire.**
2. **Lightning.**
3. **Explosion**, including the explosion of gases or fuel within the furnace of any fired vessel or within the flues or passages through which the gases of combustion pass. This cause of loss does not include loss or damage by:
 - a. Rupture, bursting or operation of pressure relief devices; or
 - b. Rupture or bursting due to expansion or swelling of the contents of any building or structure, caused by or resulting from water.
4. **Windstorm or Hail**, but not including:
 - a. Frost or cold weather;
 - b. Ice (other than hail), snow or sleet, whether driven by wind or not; or
 - c. Loss or damage to the interior of any building or structure, or the property inside the building or structure, caused by rain, snow, sand or dust, whether driven by wind or not, unless the building or structure first sustains wind or hail damage to its roof or walls through which the rain, snow, sand or dust enters.
5. **Smoke** causing sudden and accidental loss or damage. This cause of loss does not include smoke from agricultural smudging or industrial operations.
6. **Aircraft or Vehicles**, meaning only physical contact of an aircraft, a spacecraft, a self-propelled missile, a vehicle or an object thrown up by a vehicle with the described property or with the building or structure containing the described property. This cause of loss includes loss or damage by objects falling from aircraft.

We will not pay for loss or damage caused by or resulting from vehicles you own or which are operated in the course of your business.

7. **Riot or Civil Commotion**, including:

- a. Acts of striking employees while occupying the described premises; and
- b. Looting occurring at the time and place of a riot or civil commotion.

8. **Vandalism**, meaning willful and malicious damage to, or destruction of, the described property.

We will not pay for loss or damage:

- a. To glass (other than glass building blocks) that is part of a building, structure, or an outside sign; but we will pay for loss or damage to other property caused by or resulting from breakage of glass by vandals.
- b. Caused by or resulting from theft, except for building damage caused by the breaking in or exiting of burglars.

9. **Sprinkler Leakage**, meaning leakage or discharge of any substance from an Automatic Sprinkler System, including collapse of a tank that is part of the system.

If the building or structure containing the Automatic Sprinkler System is Covered Property, we will also pay the cost to:

- a. Repair or replace damaged parts of the Automatic Sprinkler System if the damage:
 - (1) Results in sprinkler leakage; or
 - (2) Is directly caused by freezing.
- b. Tear out and replace any part of the building or structure to repair damage to the Automatic Sprinkler System that has resulted in sprinkler leakage.

Automatic Sprinkler System means:

- (1) Any automatic fire protective or extinguishing system, including connected:
 - (a) Sprinklers and discharge nozzles;
 - (b) Ducts, pipes, valves and fittings;

- (c) Tanks, their component parts and supports; and
 - (d) Pumps and private fire protection mains.
- (2) When supplied from an automatic fire protective system:
- (a) Non-automatic fire protective systems; and
 - (b) Hydrants, standpipes and outlets.

10. Sinkhole Collapse, meaning loss or damage caused by the sudden sinking or collapse of land into underground empty spaces created by the action of water on limestone or dolomite. This cause of loss does not include:

- a. The cost of filling sinkholes; or
- b. Sinking or collapse of land into man-made underground cavities.

11. Volcanic Action, meaning direct loss or damage resulting from the eruption of a volcano when the loss or damage is caused by:

- a. Airborne volcanic blast or airborne shock waves;
- b. Ash, dust or particulate matter; or
- c. Lava flow.

All volcanic eruptions that occur within any 168-hour period will constitute a single occurrence.

This cause of loss does not include the cost to remove ash, dust or particulate matter that does not cause direct physical loss or damage to the described property.

B. EXCLUSIONS

1. We will not pay for loss or damage caused directly or indirectly by any of the following. Such loss or damage is excluded regardless of any other cause or event that contributes concurrently or in any sequence to the loss.

a. Ordinance or Law

The enforcement of any ordinance or law:

- (1) Regulating the construction, use or repair of any property; or
- (2) Requiring the tearing down of any property, including the cost of removing its debris.

This exclusion, Ordinance or Law, applies whether the loss results from:

- (1) An ordinance or law that is enforced even if the property has not been damaged; or

- (2) The increased costs incurred to comply with an ordinance or law in the course of construction, repair, renovation, remodeling or demolition of property, or removal of its debris, following a physical loss to that property.

b. Earth Movement

(1) Any earth movement (other than sink-hole collapse), such as an earthquake, landslide, mine subsidence or earth sinking, rising or shifting. But if earth movement results in fire or explosion, we will pay for the loss or damage caused by that fire or explosion.

(2) Volcanic eruption, explosion or effusion. But if volcanic eruption, explosion or effusion results in fire or Volcanic Action, we will pay for the loss or damage caused by that fire or Volcanic Action.

c. Governmental Action

Seizure or destruction of property by order of governmental authority.

But we will pay for loss or damage caused by or resulting from acts of destruction ordered by governmental authority and taken at the time of a fire to prevent its spread, if the fire would be covered under this Coverage Part.

d. Nuclear Hazard

Nuclear reaction or radiation, or radioactive contamination, however caused.

But if nuclear reaction or radiation, or radioactive contamination, results in fire, we will pay for the loss or damage caused by that fire.

e. Utility Services

The failure of power or other utility service supplied to the described premises, however caused, if the failure occurs away from the described premises.

But if the failure of power or other utility service results in a Covered Cause of Loss, we will pay for the loss or damage caused by that Covered Cause of Loss.

This exclusion does not apply to the Business Income coverage or to Extra Expense coverage. Instead, the Special Exclusion in paragraph **B.3.a.(1)** applies to these coverages.

f. War and Military Action

- (1) War, including undeclared or civil war;
- (2) Warlike action by a military force, including action in hindering or defending against an actual or expected attack, by any government, sovereign or other authority using military personnel or other agents; or
- (3) Insurrection, rebellion, revolution, usurped power, or action taken by governmental authority in hindering or defending against any of these.

g. Water

- (1) Flood, surface water, waves, tides, tidal waves, overflow of any body of water, or their spray, all whether driven by wind or not;
- (2) Mudslide or mudflow;
- (3) Water that backs up or overflows from a sewer, drain or sump; or
- (4) Water under the ground surface pressing on, or flowing or seeping through:
 - (a) Foundations, walls, floors or paved surfaces;
 - (b) Basements, whether paved or not; or
 - (c) Doors, windows or other openings.

But if Water, as described in **g.(1)** through **(4)** above, results in fire, explosion or sprinkler leakage, we will pay for the loss or damage caused by that fire, explosion or sprinkler leakage.

- 2. We will not pay for loss or damage caused by or resulting from:
 - a. Artificially generated electrical current, including electric arcing, that disturbs electrical devices, appliances or wires.
But if artificially generated electrical current results in fire, we will pay for the loss or damage caused by that fire.
 - b. Rupture or bursting of water pipes (other than Automatic Sprinkler Systems) unless caused by a Covered Cause of Loss.
 - c. Leakage or discharge of water or steam from any part of a system or appliance containing water or steam (other than an Automatic Sprinkler System), unless the leakage or discharge occurs because the system or appliance was damaged by a Covered Cause of Loss.

- d. Explosion of steam boilers, steam pipes, steam engines or steam turbines owned or leased by you, or operated under your control.

But if explosion of steam boilers, steam pipes, steam engines or steam turbines results in fire or combustion explosion, we will pay for the loss or damage caused by that fire or combustion explosion.

- e. Mechanical breakdown, including rupture or bursting caused by centrifugal force.

But if mechanical breakdown results in a Covered Cause of Loss, we will pay for the loss or damage caused by that Covered Cause of Loss.

3. Special Exclusions

The following provisions apply only to the specified Coverage Forms.

a. Business Income (And Extra Expense) Coverage Form, Business Income (Without Extra Expense) Coverage Form, or Extra Expense Coverage Form.

We will not pay for:

- (1) Any loss caused directly or indirectly by the failure of power or other utility service supplied to the described premises, however caused, if the failure occurs outside of a covered building.

But if the failure of power or other utility service results in a Covered Cause of Loss, we will pay for the loss resulting from that Covered Cause of Loss.

- (2) Any loss caused by or resulting from:
 - (a) Damage or destruction of "finished stock"; or
 - (b) The time required to reproduce "finished stock".

This exclusion does not apply to Extra Expense.

- (3) Any loss caused by or resulting from direct physical loss or damage to radio or television antennas (including satellite dishes) and their lead-in wiring, masts or towers.

(4) Any increase of loss caused by or resulting from:

(a) Delay in rebuilding, repairing or replacing the property or resuming "operations", due to interference at the location of the rebuilding, repair or replacement by strikers or other persons; or

(b) Suspension, lapse or cancellation of any license, lease or contract. But if the suspension, lapse or cancellation is directly caused by the suspension of "operations", we will cover such loss that affects your Business Income during the "period of restoration".

(5) Any Extra Expense caused by or resulting from suspension, lapse or cancellation of any license, lease or contract beyond the "period of restoration".

(6) Any other consequential loss.

b. Leasehold Interest Coverage Form

(1) Paragraph **B.1.a.**, Ordinance or Law; does not apply to insurance under this Coverage Form.

(2) We will not pay for any loss caused by:

(a) Your cancelling the lease;

(b) The suspension, lapse or cancellation of any license; or

(c) Any other consequential loss.

c. Legal Liability Coverage Form

(1) The following Exclusions do not apply to insurance under this Coverage Form:

(a) Paragraph **B.1.a.**, Ordinance or Law;

(b) Paragraph **B.1.c.**, Governmental Action;

(c) Paragraph **B.1.d.**, Nuclear Hazard;

(d) Paragraph **B.1.e.**, Utility Services; and

(e) Paragraph **B.1.f.**, War and Military Action.

(2) The following additional exclusions apply to insurance under this Coverage Form:

(a) Contractual Liability

We will not defend any claim or "suit", or pay damages that you are legally liable to pay, solely by reason of your assumption of liability in a contract or agreement. But this exclusion does not apply to a written lease agreement in which you have assumed liability for building damage resulting from an actual or attempted burglary or robbery, provided that:

(i) Your assumption of liability was executed prior to the accident; and

(ii) The building is Covered Property under this Coverage Form.

(b) Nuclear Hazard

We will not defend any claim or "suit", or pay any damages, loss, expense or obligation, resulting from nuclear reaction or radiation, or radioactive contamination, however caused.

C. LIMITATION

We will pay for loss of animals only if they are killed or their destruction is made necessary.