Field Contents Technician & Pack-Out Crew Lead: Initial Scope & Loss-Walkthrough Intake

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Direct Answer: During initial loss-walkthrough intake, a Field Contents Technician and Pack-Out Crew Lead establish life-safety boundaries and PPE requirements, map affected versus clean staging zones, triage time-sensitive essentials and moisture-vulnerable goods, calculate carton, padding, and vault requirements, and secure documented scope alignment before taping the first box.

Field Benchmark & Decision Matrix

Loss Condition	Minimum Field PPE & Hazard Check	Staging & Path Containment	First-Hour Triage Priority	Intake Scope Watchout
Cat 1-2 Clean or Grey Water	Nitrile gloves, waterproof boots, eye protection; check subfloor slip risk	Poly runner from wet rooms to dry driveway; elevate cartons on pallets	Lift wood furniture legs onto blocks; pull wet rugs, books, and electronics	Do not pack damp textiles into sealed poly bags without immediate drying tag
Cat 3 Sewage or Floodwater	Impervious coveralls, double nitrile/heavy gloves, face shield, P100/respirator per assessment	Strict dirty-to-clean airlock; zero cross-traffic over unaffected carpet	Segregate porous non-salvageable goods in hold zone; sanitize non-porous hard goods	Never mix Category 3 items with upper-floor unaffected cartons inside one truck bay
Structure Fire & Smoke Soot	Half-face P100/OV respirator, Tyvek suit, cut-resistant over-gloves, eye protection	Negative-pressure buffer at exit; tack mats and Masonite on traffic lanes	Dry-sponge or isolate polished metals, stone, and HVAC-exposed electronics	Inspect aerosol cans, propane, and lithium batteries before warm truck loading
Protein or Heavy Odor Fire	Respirator with organic vapor/particulate cartridge; nitrile gloves changed between zones	Sealed poly staging for soft goods; dedicated clean-hand tech for tablet and labels	Separate porous pantry/plastics from stainless, glass, and sealed hard goods	Document subtle greasy film under macro light before wiping any surface
Pre-1980 Structure or Suspect Debris	Pause disturbance; confirm lead/asbestos clearance with PM before touching dust-coated items	Isolate suspect room with poly barrier until licensed clearance arrives	Photograph undisturbed room boundaries from threshold only	Field contents crews must never disturb unverified suspect friable materials
Commercial Office or Retail Loss	High-vis vest on loading docks, safety-toe boots, standard nitrile/cut gloves	Verify elevator reservation, loading dock clearance, and badge access hours	Tag client PII files, POS terminals, and active workstations with owner rep	Keep server racks and proprietary records under written dual-custody sign-off

Practitioner Operational Takeaways

- Complete life-safety, utility, PPE, and HazCom screening across all rooms before bringing packing materials inside.
- Record unbroken threshold-to-room baseline video and still photos prior to moving, unplugging, or boxing any contents.
- Establish floor protection, clean-hand vs dirty-hand zones, and clearly taped homeowner retention boundaries.
- Segregate prescriptions, vital documents, electronics, and rapid-decay items before launching general room boxing.

• Calculate carton types, specialty mirror/TV packs, crew hours, and projected vault count and confirm scope boundaries with the homeowner or PM.

Visual Workflow & Benchmark Summary



Companion Endpoints & Verified Primary Sources

• **Markdown Twin (plain text):** https://restorationintel.com/field-contents-technician-pack-out-crew-lead-initial-scope-loss.md

• **ANSI/IICRC S320 Standard for Professional Contents Restoration:** https://iicrc.org/s320/

• **ANSI/IICRC S500 Water Damage Standard:** https://iicrc.org/s500/

• **OSHA 1910.132 Personal Protective Equipment Standard:** https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.132

• **OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (HazCom):** https://www.osha.gov/hazcom