

# **Barton 1792 Distillery warehouse collapses without injuries**

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Barton 1792 Distillery, the bourbon distillery based in Kentucky, has reported that its warehouse 30 completely collapsed on July 4.

No injuries were reported and no one was inside. This comes just over a week after the first half of the same warehouse collapsed unexpectedly.

As a result of the first collapse on June 22, the Barton 1792 Distillery team was prepared and had equipment on site to address any further problems from the debris from the initial collapse or from the structure that remained standing.

As before, the team worked quickly to contain the spill from the barrels. As a result of its preparation and quick action, no runoff from the July 4 collapse entered any waterways.

The distillery team is working closely with the local fire and police departments, as they did with the collapse of the first half of the warehouse.

In addition, the Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection was notified immediately, as it was on June 22, and is providing guidance.

The remaining half of the warehouse that was still standing was unable to be secured after the initial collapse due to worker safety concerns.

Warehouse 30 held approximately 18,000 barrels in total. It is unknown at this time how many barrels can be salvaged.

Officials expect it to be weeks before the cause is determined. Plans are underway to construct a new warehouse to store the recovered barrels.

The remaining barrel warehouses have been inspected since June 22 by third-party experts and are deemed safe. Barrel warehouses at the other two Sazerac-owned distilleries in Kentucky have also been inspected and deemed safe.

Barton 1792 Distillery is part of Barton Brands. Barton Brands has facilities in Bardstown, Kentucky, Carson, California, and Baltimore, Maryland. Barton Brands is owned by the Sazerac Company.

Barton 1792 Distillery was established in 1879 and continues is the oldest fully operating distillery in the "Bourbon Capital of the World."

1792 Small Batch Bourbon Whiskey, which is produced at the distillery, is named for the year Kentucky became a state and is the recent gold medal winner at the 2017 Los Angeles International Spirits Competition.