



# SEVERE WEATHER

Extreme weather events are becoming more common and severe, causing significant damage to buildings and properties. This disruption can impact daily operations and result in costly claims. Implementing well-designed inclement weather plans is crucial to prevent or reduce damage and associated costs.

## STEPS TO **PREPARE**

### **Predict and Monitor**

- Stay informed about approaching weather events
- Use services like Interactive NWS Alert to receive weather conditions and warnings
- Register at NWS Alert (<https://inws.ncep.noaa.gov/>) for notifications

### **Create Response Plans**

Customize plans based on location and potential threats and have necessary supplies on hand.

### **Extreme Low Temperatures**

- Protect vulnerable pipes (heat tape, insulation)
- Plan for power outages (drain lines)
- Stock de-icer and snow removal supplies

### **Wind Events**

- Evaluate and trim trees
- Stockpile plywood and tarps for quick response

### **Implement Response Plans**

- Assign responsibilities
  - ◊ Monitor weather continuously
  - ◊ Check buildings during closures
  - ◊ Establish a response team
- Consider a relationship with a disaster restoration contractor

### **Learn from Experience**

- After a storm, evaluate:
  - ◊ What worked well?
  - ◊ Areas for improvement
  - ◊ Adjust the plan for the future

Extreme weather is inevitable, but proactive planning and coordinated responses can mitigate its impact. Stay vigilant and protect your district from destructive effects.

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