



# WINTER WEATHER WATER INSPECTION

Water pipes and steam pipes should be examined regularly. When freezing temperatures hit, check temperatures in buildings at least twice a day. If power goes out and pipes freeze, pipes and valves can be damaged. Turn on faucets to check pressure and flow, and walk the building to detect any leaks as soon as possible.

**WATER is the biggest cause of building damage.** A complete inspection should be made immediately following storms to identify problems. Check roofs, ceilings, gutters, inside and outside walls, downspouts, and foundations.

## Check ROOFS for:

- Moss
- Pooled water
- Damage to shingles
- Overgrown vegetation, trees touching roof



## Examine FOUNDATIONS for:

- Ground shifts
- Water damage or leaks
- Overgrown vegetation

## Inspect GUTTERS and DOWNSPOUTS for:

- Leaking connections
- Escaping water
- Debris and obstructed flow
- Water drains away from buildings



## Watch CEILINGS and WALLS for:

- Stained drywall or ceiling tiles
- Musty smell, mold or mildew
- Bubbles under paint
- Water drains away from buildings

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