



Situational Awareness Bulletin

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SEVERE THUNDERSTORM PREPPING YOUR HOUSE OR BUSINESS



- 1 Ensure that your drains, gutters and downspouts are clean and functioning properly. This is especially important for flat-roofed buildings.
- 2 Keep stormwater troughs, pipes and culverts on your property free of debris.
- 3 Move valuable or easily damaged items away from low-lying areas prone to flooding.
- 4 Secure trash containers, household waste, chemical spills and outdoor storage before they are swept away, spread contamination or block storm drains.
- 5 Closely examine windows, skylights and doors that may benefit from caulking or weatherstripping.
- 6 Inspect your attic for "leaks" of sunlight, or signs of previous water damage that may indicate where pre-storm repairs are needed.
- 7 Establish household supplies (bucket, mop, towels and tarpaulin) to minimize damage from a sudden leak or stormwater seepage.
- 8 Prepare your household to remain safe (battery powered lamps, no candles) and functional (fully charged cellphone, manual garage door operation) in the event of a storm-related power outage.
- 9 Review how to safely turn off your electric, water and natural gas service in the event of severe storm damage.



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