

## **Situational Awareness Bulletin**

From the Mayor's Office of Emergency Preparedness



















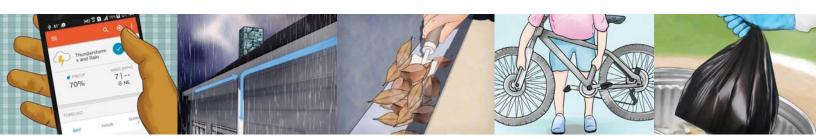






## SEVERE THUNDERSTORM

## PREPPING YOUR HOUSE OR BUSINESS



- Ensure that your drains, gutters and downspouts are clean and functioning properly. This is especially important for flat-roofed buildings.
- Keep stormwater troughs, pipes and culverts on your property free of debris.
- Move valuable or easily damaged items away from low-lying areas prone to flooding.
- Secure trash containers, household waste, chemical spills and outdoor storage before they are swept away, spread contamination or block storm drains.
- Closely examine windows, skylights and doors that may benefit from caulking or weatherstripping.

- Inspect your attic for "leaks" of sunlight, or signs of previous water damage that may indicate where pre-storm repairs are needed.
- Establish household supplies (bucket, mop, towels and tarpaulin) to minimize damage from a sudden leak or stormwater seepage.
- 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.
- Review how to safely turn off your electric, water and natural gas service in the event of severe storm damage.

