

# Spring Storm Preparedness

Spring storms can bring heavy rain, strong winds, and even hail. Protect your business with these **Top 10** essential steps!

## 1. Review Your Insurance Policy

- Ensure your policy covers storm-related damage. Check for flood, wind, and business interruption coverage.
- Know your deductible - you don't want any surprises after the fact.
- If a claim needs to be filed, make sure you are working with a licensed claim professional, such as Building Damage Consultants.

## 2. Inspect Your Roof & Gutters

- Clear gutters and downspouts to prevent water buildup.
- Check for roof leaks or loose components that could be torn off in a storm.

## 3. Secure Outdoor Areas

- Bring in or secure outdoor furniture, signage, and equipment.
- Trim trees and remove weak branches near your building.

## 4. Back Up Vital Business Data

- Save critical files to the cloud or an external hard drive in case of power outage.
- Ensure essential documents are protected from water damage.

## 5. Create a Business Continuity Plan

- Develop an emergency response plan for employees.
- Establish a communication strategy for staff and customers.

## 6. Test Emergency Equipment

- Ensure generators are functional and have enough fuel.
- Test smoke detectors, alarms, and battery backups.

## 7. Stock Up on Supplies

- Keep flashlights, first aid kits, and bottled water on hand.
- Have extra batteries, non-perishable food, and protective gear available.

## 8. Identify a Safe Shelter Area

- Designate a secure indoor space for employees during severe storms.
- Make sure all staff know the emergency procedures.

## 9. Protect Business Vehicles

- Park company vehicles in a garage or covered area if possible.
- Review insurance coverage for storm-related vehicle damage.

## 10. Stay Informed & Communicate

- Monitor local weather alerts and storm warnings.
- Keep customers and employees informed of any changes to business operations.

***Stay safe and prepared this spring!***



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*If your property is damaged by a storm, be sure to file your claim within your state's deadline. If your insurance company denies or underpays your claim, we're here to help!*

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