

## CHECKLIST FOR WINTER

COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY PREPAREDNESS

	BUILDING EXTERIOR	WHAT TO DO
	Roof	Inspect and repair the roof. Seal around vents and other protrusions to prevent roof leaks.
	Gutters & downspouts	Remove all obstructions and make sure they are properly secured.
	Exterior water lines	Drain and winterize to prevent pipes from freezing.
	Drains	Clear debris so that water drains away from your property.
	Trees	Inspect trees near structures and walk areas and remove unsafe branches.
	BUILDING INTERIOR	WHAT TO DO
	Vents	Check venting to ensure proper clearance from combustibles.
	Space heaters	Prohibit or minimize use of space heaters. Ensure safe location and operation.
	Interior pipes	Protect pipes from freezing, and be very careful if attempting to thaw a frozen pipe.
	Thermostats	Maintain minimum indoor temperatures in vacant spaces.
	Faucets	During intense cold, allow faucets to drip to prevent freezing.
	Alarms	Test all fire, smoke, and carbon monoxide detectors.
	FIRE PREVENTION SYSTEMS	WHAT TO DO
	Sprinkler pipes	Protect any sprinkler pipes that are exposed to freezing temperatures to prevent them from freezing.
	Antifreeze systems	Make sure antifreeze systems have been tested for adequate concentration in the past year.
	Dry pipe systems	Make sure the heat in the riser room is maintained at least 40° F minimum.
	Sprinkler system	Make sure the system is currently serviced, operational, and ready for winter.
	Fire pump rooms	Make sure that fire pump rooms are heated to 40° F minimum (warmer for diesel pumps).
	Connections	Keep hydrants, valves, and standpipe connections accessible and marked.
	SLIP, TRIP & FALL PREVENTION	WHAT TO DO
$\square$	Snow removal contracts	Review contracts with snow removal contractors to ensure that you have adequate protection.
	Sidewalks & parking lots	Keep sidewalks and parking lots free of ice and snow accumulations.

Be prepared for ice with salt, ice melt, and shovels.

Check exterior lighting, especially those illuminating walking surfaces.

Eliminate water drainage across key walking areas from downspouts and roofs.

## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**



Control wet walking surfaces inside and outside with appropriate mats and warning signs.

## WHAT TO DO

If you don't have a contingency plan, create one.

Assemble flashlights, batteries, emergency weather radio, and emergency contact list.

Establish safe equipment and shutdown procedures.

Make sure generators are serviced and that fuel is on site and readily available.

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