

HOW TO PREPARE FOR AN

ICE STORM

ICE STORMS CAN OCCUR ANYWHERE THAT EXPERIENCES EVEN RARE WINTER WEATHER.

It's important for homeowners across most of the United States and all of Canada to understand how to protect their home from ice storm damage.

While there are few steps to preparing specifically for an ice storm, winter home maintenance and standard storm preparation can help you be ready for any winter weather situation.

- **Clear your gutters.** Keeping gutters clear and flowing prevents ice buildup during or after an ice storm.
- **Inspect your roof.** Inspect your roof, paying close attention to missing or damaged shingles. Make repairs prior to winter to avoid potential water damage from ice storms.
- **Protect your exposed pipes and faucets.** Pipes and faucets located on the exterior of your home or in garages and basements are especially prone to freezing. Prepare for freezing temperatures and ice storms by covering them with insulation, hose bibs and faucet slip-on covers.
- **Remove and store outdoor garden hoses.** If hoses remain attached to outdoor faucets, it can result in trapped water freezing and bursting the faucet or pipe.
- **Store yard implements and outdoor furniture.** Yard implements and outdoor furniture will quickly become coated in ice in the event of an ice storm. Consider placing your outdoor toys, tools and furniture in storage prior to the colder months.
- **Park your car in the garage.** Keep your car from being encased in ice by parking it in a garage or covered parking spot. If this isn't possible, park your car away from trees that could break under the weight of heavy ice.
- **Remove snow from roofs and walkways, immediately.** Hire a professional to remove any snow buildup from your driveway, walkways and roof as soon as possible after a snowstorm. Snowfall compacted by freezing rain may become an extra-thick – and heavy – layer of ice.
- **Prepare for ice-covered driveways and sidewalks.** Keep Ice Melt, sand or other de-icing compound formulated for driveways and walkways on hand.
- **Prepare to be without power for multiple days.** Build a disaster preparedness kit for you and your family. Be sure to include non-perishable food items, warm clothing and clean water if your running water is affected by electricity outages.

As certified [water damage restoration](#) experts, we frequently see water damage caused by ice storms. Your [Local Rainbow International](#) uses advanced tools and proven processes to dry structures and remediate water damage, quickly. Call [\(855\) 724-6269](tel:855-724-6269) for emergency 24/7 service or [request an appointment online](#) to schedule repair and remediation for your property.

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