



With spring storms rocking the Midwest it's only a matter of time before we have a storm that brings the potential for high winds, hail or even a tornado. Is there anything that can be done to prepare for these events or is reactionary our only option? Here are a few tips to help you before and after the weather event takes place.



### Tips Before the Storm

- 1. Your safety always comes first!** Should one of these weather events occur seek shelter immediately! If you can go to your basement, go. If you don't, go to an interior bathroom or closet until the all clear has been issued.
- 2. If you have enough advance warning walk your property** to secure patio furniture, garbage cans and any other items that could be blown around and cause damage to you or your property.

- 3. Regularly police your property** to look for dead trees and limbs, check to make sure your downspouts are firmly in place, that your sump drain hose is as far and facing away from your home or drainage ditches are free and clear of debris and
- 4. Lastly, any items that can be stored in the garage or shed should be moved** there (like bikes, small pools, yard toys, etc.)

### Tips After the Weather Event

- 1. Once the danger has passed** and the all clear has been given, first do a personal inventory, confirm you and your family are all accounted for and fine.
- 2. Next carefully do an inventory** of your property inside and out depending on the severity of the storm.
- 3. If possible, begin photographing the damage** and cataloging it for the insurance company.
- 4. Contact your insurance agent** or call the claims line and determine if a claim should be filed or not.
- 5. Contact Accent Property Restoration** to secure your property and mitigate the damages.