



In less than a week it will officially be spring according to the calendar, but as we Wisconsinites know, that means nothing! We should be preparing for the coming of second winter, because we all know it's on its way!

More snow and ice are assuredly on their way and then comes the flooding. As we ride the rollercoaster known as spring, we will see big fluctuations in the temperatures which will eventually lead to the thawing and melting of the ice and snow which could potentially end up in our basements as a flood. And we haven't even touched on tornado season... There are several things you can do to help protect your property, which will limit the potential damage.

Indoors:

- Check your sump pump to make sure it's working properly.
- Store belongings in the basement in totes or plastic containers.
- Place the totes/containers on pallets or racks a couple inches off the ground.



- Be sure to get your mechanicals on a platform or raised area to keep them safe and dry in case of a water intrusion.
- Raise your washer and dryer, either on a platform or blocks.
- Check your Homeowner's policy to ensure you have coverage if your sump pump fails or your sewer backs up.
- Make sure important papers, pictures, books, or documents are stored securely in a waterproof container.
- Have extra water, non-perishable food, blankets, flashlight, and batteries in case inclement weather forces you to seek shelter for an extended period.
- Have a safe space, whether the basement or an interior bathroom, prepared if you should need to seek immediate safety from an approaching storm.
- Be sure that you have a radio or fully charged device that will allow you to hear what is going on and when it's safe to leave the property.



Outdoors:

- Make sure the sump pump discharge line is attached, not bent or kinked, and free of ice and debris to allow for the free flow of water away from the property.



- Check all your downspouts.
- Be sure that all loose yard furniture and toys are secured or put away when a storm is approaching.
- Check your trees for dead or damaged limbs that could come down in a storm. These trees could be a hazard to not only your home but your person as well. You don't want a heavy branch to break in a storm and fall on you!



- If you can store your vehicle in a garage or carport, be sure it is safe before the storm hits to protect from hail damage or high winds throwing debris around.
- Be sure that windows and doors are closed when a major weather event is approaching to ensure that flooding or water damage doesn't occur from rain getting in the home.

If your property sustains damage from a storm, flooding, or fire, we are standing by ready to respond to your emergency immediately. Contact our office at 262-293-2646 to get a crew mobilizing to your location asap! For more information about Accent Property Restoration visit our website at www.accent24hr.com or visit our YouTube channel at: Accent Property Restoration - YouTube

Be safe! Be prepared! But mostly know who to call if something should go amiss...

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