

Winter Weather Preparedness

The Nation Weather Services is forecasting a series of winter snow storms and cold air for next week or so. Since we can receive notices days and weeks in advance, we should be able to properly prepare and implement the logistics to survive the long weather system. Occupants of a building must address the following measures to prevent and mitigate any loss occurrence during these weather systems so prepare with a plan.

Plumbing

During the cold spell some building suffer water line breakage which causes extensive damages and losses. Know where your water lines and meters are located at and if you need to draw it out on a piece of paper and file. Check if they are insulated properly. Know where the shut off valves are located at in case help is not immediately available. Just knowing some basis knowledge can help minimize some losses to your building.

Heating

During the winter season they heating system is critical to the functions of building's daily operation and it is imperative that adequate heating resource is available and is constantly monitor and plan if more resources are needed. Remember the building has components that must be kept warm or prevent from freezing.

Walk Ways

Walk ways, path ways and hall ways must be maintained and tended to prevent slip, trip and falls. Mopping up wet spots and icy spots must be noted by cleaning or clearing walk ways by posting signs and informing your clients and visitors.

Property Security

The Chapter premise must adequately secure by the end of the day. Properties and equipment should be inspected, maintenance and secured to prevent any damage and losses. Check all portable electrical appliances and disconnect to prevent any electrical fires or overload. Inspect all locking mechanism and make sure they function properly. This includes detectors, alarm systems, fire suppression system and security alarms.

Heavy Equipment Preparation & Maintenance

During these adverse weather conditions some of our community members are in need of assistance relating to heavy equipment services. It's imperative that the operator is knowledgeable in operation, maintenance, inspection and safety measures required when being out on the road way. Management should be aware that equipment services requires some financial responsibility so be cognizant and plan accordingly.

These are just basis reminders that could help you address some issues pertaining to your building so please plan and discuss your priorities to prevent any damages or losses. If you have other items to add on please do so and practice those measures. Thank you.