



After a Storm

- If you suffered property damage a storm, make a list of damages, including cracks in walls and missing roof tiles, and take photographs to help you file an insurance claim. Get more tips about what to do after a storm hits at oci.wi.gov/Disasters
- If your home or vehicle have sustained damage from this week's winter storms, remember to take photos of the damage for any insurance claim and to protect yourself from contractor fraud. Get more tips at oci.wi.gov/Disasters
- Rebuilding your home or business and repairing your car is important but signing a contract with an unscrupulous party can make a bad situation worse. Learn how to protect yourself from public adjuster scams at oci.wi.gov/PubAdjusterScam

Winter

- It takes longer to slow down on snowy and icy roads. Please increase your following distance to eight to 10 seconds during winter weather.
- Keep your eye on your roof this winter and whether you have fresh snow, packed snow or ice piling up. If it looks like the amount of snow or ice exceeds 20-25 pounds per square foot of roof space, you might need to remove some of it to prevent damage.
- Keeping your attic ventilated and insulated can help prevent ice dams and water damage to your home.
- Winter weather can result in several types of property damage. Keep your heat at reasonable temperatures to prevent frozen pipes and open cabinets where pipes are located to allow in warm air.

Flood Safety

- Just six inches of water on the road is enough to make you lose control of your vehicle. If you come across a flooded roadway, please turn around so you don't drown.
- Flooding has caused about \$75 billion in damages to the U.S. in the last three decades. Flood-proof your finances with flood insurance. Call your insurance agent or visit floodsmart.gov today.
- Raising electrical switches, sockets, circuit breakers, and wiring at least a foot above the base flood elevation on your property is just one way to protect your place from flood damage. Find 10 others at disastersafety.org/flood/protect-your-home-from-floods/
- Knowing the difference between a flood watch and a flood warning can save time and possibly lives. Remember, a watch means a flood is possible; a warning means it's underway or imminent.
- Go to dhs.wisconsin.gov/cpd/general-checklist.pdf for a list of what to put in your emergency "go bag" in case you ever need to evacuate due to flooding.
- Will your car be covered if your area experiences flooding this spring? Talk to your agent or review your policy to understand your coverage and make sure you're prepared for any weather.

Severe Storms

- Severe storm season is just around the corner. Do you know how to prepare your property for storms to prevent damage? Learn more at oci.wi.gov/Disasters

- ⚡ Severe thunderstorms with high winds and hail could be possible this [day/week] ! ⚡ Keep your home safe by moving unsecured items into your house or garage.