

Post-Winter Storm Procedures

- Following your ***Emergency Action Plan***; account for all persons, provide search and rescue personnel with last known location of any missing victim(s).

- Take these ***ongoing actions***:
 - Clear away the snow and ice from driveways, walkways, doorways and roof access points.
 - Close water faucets (if previously opened) to prevent the pipe from bursting.
 - Visually check for open bus bars, conductors, and exposed insulators before re-energizing electrical systems.
 - Make sure heating systems and water pipes are working.
 - Determine how you will assist individuals who have special needs, such as disabled persons.
 - Make regular temperature and wind chill checks to prevent workers from overexposure to the cold.
 - Rotate workers to reduce their individual exposures to cold and to prevent back injuries from shoveling snow.

- Take these ***recovery actions***:
 - Survey the facilities for damage. Take photographs of the damage.
 - Look for safety hazards such as live electrical wires, leaking gas, flammable liquids, corrosive/toxic materials, and damage to foundations or underground piping.
 - Contact key personnel and notify contractors to start repairs.
 - Conduct two-inch main drain and alarm tests on automatic fire protection sprinkler systems to verify public water supply availability.
 - Secure the site and provide watch service if necessary.
 - Begin salvage as soon as possible to prevent further damage:
 - Cover broken windows and torn roof coverings immediately.
 - Separate damaged goods.
 - Clean roof drains and remove debris from roofs.
 - Check refrigerated items for spoilage if there has been a power failure.
 - Limit access to freezers and refrigerated areas during periods of interrupted electrical service to maintain the temperatures as long as possible.