



# Are You Prepared For Winter Weather?

Winter storm URI taught us that no parts of the state are off-limits when it comes to winter weather and freeze damage. From the panhandle to the coast and all points in between, most every governmental entity has a story regarding the winter storm of 2021 and incurred losses to Members now top \$75,000,000. As we all know, preparing is a vital part to keeping your entity running smoothly. Winter weather can be a nightmare that involves freezing temperatures, icy roads, power outages, frozen pipes, and more. Early preparation and response are key. The information below can assist in preparing for winter weather.



## Emergency Supplies:

- Water
- Fuel (Diesel Fuel for generators)
- Flashlights
- PPE (Gloves, Coats, boots)
- Vehicle Kit (ice scraper, blanket, ice melt/sand/kitty litter, phone charger,)

## Equipment Maintenance:

- Generator Testing - Monthly
- HVAC Inspections - Annually
- Vehicles - Daily
- Sprinkler systems – Quarterly
- Power Tools – Prior to Each Use

## Emergency Contacts:

- Essential Employees – Assign Responsibilities, Especially During Weekends
- Local Utility Companies
- Remediation Contractors
- State Emergency Management

## Building Maintenance:

- Know Where the Water Shut-Off is Located and How to Turn the Water Off
- Preventing Frozen Pipes – Insulation, Heaters
- Thawing Frozen Pipes – Keep Faucet Open, Apply Heat
- Vacant Buildings

## Community Considerations:

- Warming Centers
- Communications (Social Media Posting, Automated Phone Messages, Local TV Stations)
- Information Regarding Emergency Assistance

## Additional Resources

[TMLIRP SynergyNDS Emergency Turnkey Recovery Program](#)

[TMLIRP STP Podcast 'The storm has passed. Now What? The Pool's Synergy NDS Turnkey Recovery Program' Episode #6](#)

Using a Generator After a Storm: [Using a generator after a storm? Stay safe from carbon monoxide \(texas.gov\)](#)

Winter Weather Preparedness: [Winter Weather - Preparedness | Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(osha.gov\)](#)

Winter Weather: [Winter Weather | Ready.gov](#)

Power Outage Safety: [Power Outage Safety | American Red Cross](#)

Preventing and Thawing Frozen Pipes: [Winter Storms: Preventing & Thawing Frozen Pipes \(tamu.edu\)](#)

TMLIRP Online Learning Center: [Dealing with Cold Stress](#)