

Ratio Risk Services
RISK ALERT
No. 2022-04

RE: Nor'easter

January 26, 2022

A nor'easter is approaching New England between Friday, January 28 evening through the evening of Saturday, January 29. The storm is expected to cause heavy, damaging winds and significant snowfall accumulation. It's still early, but some predictions have indicated that western Massachusetts could receive between 12-18 inches of snow. Depending on the track, the south coast or east coast should also prepare for potential flooding.

At this time, we urge you to make the following preliminary preparations:

- Efforts to **protect property** should now be underway. Prepare for wind damage. Act now to complete preparations before the wind becomes hazardous.
- **Closely monitor NOAA weather radio or other local news outlets** for official storm information and changes to the forecast.
- Some trees in our area may be more susceptible to wind damage.
Immediately inspect trees and bushes. Remove dead or rotting branches that could fall and cause injury or damage.
- **Be prepared for potential power outages** as a result of downed power lines caused by storm activity. Have an emergency supply kit on hand, including water, flashlight, extra batteries, a first aid kit and non-perishable food.
- **Secure outdoor objects** that could blow away or cause damage to people/property.
- **Check to see if sump pumps are working**, and advise custodians to check all drains, grates and basins to ensure they are free of leaves and debris.

Property Damage

If you experience property damage or injury as a result of the storm, report the claim immediately at 617-746-5743 and notify Ashly Patry (413-452-0513) and Russ Sprague (413-452-0695), or submit an online form at <https://springfieldrisk.org/property-claim-report/>. For a list of service vendors, go to: <https://springfieldrisk.org/vendors/>.