



# Sample Severe Weather Checklist: Heavy Wind, Rain and Hail

Extreme weather and severe thunderstorms producing high winds, heavy rain, hail and even tornadoes — or a combination of these conditions — can occur with little or no warning. That’s why it’s important to be able to act quickly if a severe weather system approaches your area. The following checklist can help you protect property when a fast response is needed. The checklist should be customized based on your building and occupancy.

Yes No N/A

Have equipment and materials been removed from flood plains?

Are severe weather materials readily available?  
Examples: Temporary coverings, tarps, straps, etc.

Are items that are subject to water damage stored off the floor/ground in a way that eliminates or reduces their exposure to water damage?

- If yes, what and where? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Are loose items, subject to damage by heavy winds and/or hail, stored or secured to eliminate or reduce their exposure to loss from high winds?

- If yes, what and how? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Are items that could be removed or damaged by high winds braced?

- If yes, what? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Are openings covered with permanent or temporary means (window opening, door openings, etc.)?

- If yes, what and how? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Note: This checklist is not designed to ensure the safety of employees during severe weather. Employee safety should come before all else. See your company’s Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for information on employee safety during an Emergency. If you would like more information regarding EAP, please visit [MyLossControlServices.com](http://MyLossControlServices.com) and search Nationwide’s database for information on setting up an EAP.**

Yes No N/A

Is emergency power equipment on site?

Is gas-powered equipment (e.g. pumps and generators) fueled?

Have hazardous materials been secured and stored correctly on the premises?

Drains open and clear of debris?

Hail screens or guards on outdoor HVAC equipment?

Water mitigation equipment on site?

**OTHER BUILDING-SPECIFIC ITEMS:**

Yes No N/A

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