

Office of Risk Management
RISK ALERT
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RE: Several Hazardous Weather Warnings

September 2, 2021

Wind Advisory is in effect until 1:00 pm today. **Flash Flood Watch** is in effect until 2:00 pm today. **River and Small Stream Flood Warning** remains in effect until 1:00 pm today. At 10:30 AM EDT, gauge reports indicated between 4 and 7 inches of rain had fallen across the warning area.

Some locations that will experience flooding include: Boston, Lowell, Cambridge, Brockton, Quincy, Lynn, Newton, Lawrence, Somerville, Pawtucket, Framingham, Haverhill, Waltham, Malden, Brookline, Plymouth, Medford, Taunton, Weymouth and Revere.

Considerable urban and poor drainage flooding may still take several hours to fully recede. Some area streams and small rivers had crested, while others were still rising. River and stream flooding remains likely in the warning area through early this afternoon.

We urge you to make the following preliminary preparations:

- **Take precaution if traveling.** Roads may be closed due to flooding or downed power lines.
- **Inspect every level all buildings on your premises for water, especially those that have been unoccupied.**
- **Continue to check sump pumps to ensure they are working properly.**
- **Check that all drains, grates and basins are free of leaves and debris.**
- **Anchor outdoor items**, such as trash cans and lawn furniture, or bring them into an enclosed area.
- **Immediately inspect trees.** If a tree branch (or an entire tree) falls on an electric line, call 9-1-1. Do not touch the branch or the electric line. Power lines are not insulated; if you touch one, you will be severely injured or even killed.
- **Be prepared for power outages.** Have an emergency supply kit on hand, including water, flashlight, extra batteries, a first aid kit and non-perishable food. Disconnect appliances and other electrical items that will automatically go on when service is restored. Power surges can cause significant mechanical damage. Before the storm arrives, fully charge your cellular phone and other electronic devices, as well as rechargeable batteries.

For more information on flood remediation, go to:

<https://rcabrisk.org/knowledgebase/flood-remediation/>

Reporting a Claim

If you experience property damage or injury as a result of the storm, report the claim immediately at 617-746-5743 or via the online form at: <https://rcabrisk.org/property-claim-report/>. For a list of service vendors, go to: <https://rcabrisk.org/vendors/>.