

ACTIVE STORM DAMAGE:

During storm-related damages, it's important to prioritize your safety and take appropriate actions to minimize further risks. Here's a list of steps to consider:

1. **Ensure personal safety:** Stay indoors and away from windows, doors, and exterior walls. If necessary, move to a safe area of the building, such as a basement or an interior room without windows. Follow any emergency procedures or evacuation orders issued by local authorities.
2. **Contact emergency services:** If there is an immediate threat to life or property, call the emergency services in your area, such as 911. Inform them about the situation and provide necessary details, such as your location and the type of damage or emergency you are facing.
3. **Assess the situation:** Once it is safe to do so, assess the extent of the storm-related damage. Check for any structural damage, downed power lines, or other hazardous conditions. Exercise caution while inspecting your property.
4. **Secure the premises:** If there are broken windows, damaged doors, or any other openings, try to secure them to prevent further damage and protect against potential intruders. Use temporary measures such as boards, tarps, or plastic sheeting if available.
5. **Turn off utilities (if necessary):** If you suspect any damage to gas, water, or electrical lines, it may be necessary to shut off the utilities. However, only attempt this if you are trained to do so and can safely access the utility shut-off points. Otherwise, wait for professionals to assess and handle the situation.
6. **Document the damage:** Take photos or videos of the storm-related damages to your property and belongings. This documentation will be valuable when contacting insurance providers and filing claims.
7. **Seek professional assistance:** Depending on the severity of the damages, you may need to contact professionals, such as Evolution Restoration. We can assess and repair the damage appropriately.
8. **Contact your insurance provider:** Notify your insurance company about the storm-related damages as soon as possible. Provide them with the necessary information and follow their instructions for filing a claim. Keep records of any communication with your insurance company, including claim numbers and representative names.
9. **Follow local updates and guidance:** Stay tuned to local news, weather updates, and announcements from authorities regarding storm-related damages, recovery efforts, and safety precautions. Adhere to their instructions and recommendations.

Remember, safety should be your top priority during and after a storm. Only undertake actions that you are capable of safely performing. If in doubt or if the situation is hazardous, seek assistance from professionals or local authorities.