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SEVERE FREEZING WEATHER IS HERE OR ON THE WAY!

The National Weather Service has issued alerts for extreme cold and wintry conditions all the way to the coast and far into north and central Texas. Freezing conditions could last several days and pose threats to life safety and building damage. Pay attention to your local weather reports.

Fund consultants and underwriters advise members to take precautions now to avoid freezing pipes that can cause serious disruption to operations and services. The expense of repairs and delay in contracting qualified repair companies can impact members and the Fund for months after the event.

- Keep the heat on in all of your buildings that have active water supply.
- Identify where water shut off valves are and make sure you have access to them.
- Monitor your facilities for water leakage or when taps do not work. This is a sign that pipes are frozen and pipe breakage may have already occurred. Shut off the water supply.
- Identify local warming centers or cooperating centers where your consumers may need shelter if group homes or respite centers are affected by lack of heat.
- Sprinkler systems need particular attention. Consult your Risk Control Consultants or Sprinkler System Contractor for advice regarding system shut down. Insulate or cover outdoor faucets and wrap pipes where possible.

- Snow and ice are forecast in some areas. Prepare your salt and sand mixes for pedestrian traffic areas, stairs and entryways to your buildings to help prevent slips and falls.
- Do not travel in icy conditions unless absolutely necessary.
- Activate your emergency action plans and make sure sufficient staff members are available to initiate precautions or respond to flooding.
- If you need help with any of these matters contact your Fund Risk Control Consultant.

Use the links below for additional resources:

[Winterizing Best Practices](#)

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