

Office of the Commissioner of Insurance: Shares tips for Wisconsinites with winter storm damage

Posted on Thursday, Dec 15, 2022

>> **WisPolitics is now on the State Affairs network. Get custom keyword notifications, bill tracking and all WisPolitics content. [Get the app or access via desktop.](#)**

Madison, Wis. — Insurance Commissioner Nathan Houdek is sharing tips and reminders for Wisconsinites who may have experienced property damage from this week's winter storm.

“Heavy snow or ice may have caused power outages or damage to property over the last couple of days.” said Commissioner Houdek. “If you experienced any damage, it’s important to notify your insurance agent or company right away to begin the claim process.”

The experts at the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) recommend that consumers consider the following tips as they respond to storm damage:

- Make a list of damaged items, including cracks in walls, water damage from burst pipes, spoiled food due to a long-term power outage, etc.
- Take photographs of the damages before you begin to clean up
- Don’t throw out any damaged property without the claim adjuster’s agreement
- Keep all receipts that document the cost of the repairs or the replacement of damaged items

[Read our *After a Storm Hits Fact Sheet* here.](#)

“Remember, damage from winter storms may not occur right away as heavy snow build-up can lead to ice dams or other issues,” said Commissioner Houdek. “Prevent

this damage- and help avoid future insurance claims- by safely raking snow off the first one or two feet of your roof. We also encourage people to check any exterior vents on their home and clear away snow accumulation that may prevent safe ventilation.”

If Wisconsinites encounter any issues with their insurance agent, adjuster, or company, they are encouraged to contact our office to file a complaint. Contact OCI at 1-800-236-8517 or [visit our website for more information.](#)