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Spring Weather and Safety Prep

SPRING STORM SAFETY

While we're ready to welcome the warmer temperatures of spring, we also want you to be prepared for the weather threats that accompany the change of seasons. Our CARES library has a wealth of resources to help parishes plan and prepare for storms, including our [Emergency Preparedness Overview](#), which is a valuable resource you can use to create an emergency plan.



You will also find the [Lightning Risk Assessment Guide](#) in the CARES library, which can help determine the risk of loss due to lightning. Factors such as type of structure, type of construction, and relative location are used to assess risk.

Another consideration is power interruption or power loss, which can impact not only your structure, but also the safety of your employees and guests. A few pre-planning steps you can take now include keeping important contact information available in hard-copy format, making sure battery-operated flashlights and extra batteries are available, and having a documented business continuity plan. Additional tips are available in our [CARES Guide](#).

Once the storm has passed and it's safe to examine your property, use the [After the Storm Checklist](#) to survey property damage and determine the appropriate next steps. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with these materials and share them with the relevant personnel within your Arch/diocese.

Safety Tip

Smoke and CO Detectors

Daylight Savings Time began on Sunday, March 13. This "spring forward" is a great reminder to check the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure they're in proper working order.

SMOKE ALARMS – A SMALL PRICE TO PAY FOR LIFE-SAVING PROTECTION
CARBON MONOXIDE – A DEADLY GAS

Copper Theft

The continuously increasing value of metal has made copper pipes, tubing, and wire a desirable commodity for thieves. Some of the building materials that contain copper include heating and air conditioning units, plumbing and water lines, gutters, electrical components, gas lines, and even some statues or chalices.



When locations fall victim to copper theft, not only are they stuck with having to repair or replace equipment stripped of copper, but the damage also often results in the loss of electricity, water, and heating or air conditioning. Our CARES guide, called [Protecting Your Location From Copper Theft](#), provides steps on how to reduce risk and minimize loss.

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We are constantly updating our online trainings on CMG Connect to ensure that CMG members have the information they need to minimize their risk exposure. Please don't forget to visit [CMG Connect](#) regularly for timely new content... and please don't hesitate to share it with others who would benefit from the information.

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