Prepare for the Freeze

Preparing for the freeze and protecting your property are sound loss control principles to help you mitigate untimely loss and damage. Donegal has developed a checklist to help you protect your building and equipment.

**Building & Equipment**

1. Insure building is locked down tight – windows, doors & dampers
2. Schedule a building inspection when you know severe winter storms are coming
3. Arrange for snow and ice removal from building and roof, if necessary
4. Prepare for flooding from the thaw
5. Prepare for power outages – perform back-up power start-up checks
6. Unplug equipment to prevent voltage surges when power is restored

**Heating System**

1. Inspect heating systems to make sure they are all operating properly
2. Keep areas around heating systems clear of storage and debris
3. Change filters for adequate efficiency in winter months
4. Inspect all piping for insulation and replace, if necessary
5. Inspect all outside dampers for proper operation
6. Inspect and clear all outside vents of ice and snow
7. Do you have adequate backup power to maintain heat to your building in the event of power loss?
8. Have you made arrangements for portable power/heat if needed to heat critical systems?