

Preventative Maintenance for Severe Weather Events

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MAINTENANCE TIP

When the weather forecast shows heavy rains, high winds, blizzard-like conditions or freezing rain, we brace ourselves for severe weather. The question is, are our buildings ready? Severe weather events can cause problems that our buildings have never had. One of the most common is water entry. When this happens, people are quick to assume a problem with the roof. The roofing membrane, however, is not likely the source of the water's entry.

The most common points of water entry to a building during a severe weather event include:

- HVAC units that have rusted out internally, with deep snow piled against the unit.
- Brick or block walls that have cracks above the roof flashing line.

The best way to solve this problem is to prevent it. During normal roof maintenance inspections, be sure to request periodic examinations of the walls that extend above the roof flashings, and also monitor the condition of any rooftop mechanical equipment.

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