SERVPRO of Allendale and Greater Holland Addresses Risks of Winter Water Damage in Michigan

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SERVPRO of Allendale and Greater Holland has released guidance on preventing and addressing water damage caused by winter weather conditions in West Michigan. With the state ranking among the top for frozen pipe incidents, the company draws attention to common issues such as burst pipes and ice dams that lead to significant property damage each year.

Michigan experiences substantial property damage from winter weather, including frozen pipes that can result in costly repairs. According to data, the state ranked third in the nation for frozen pipe losses in a previous analysis. A small crack in a pipe can release over 250 gallons of water per day, affecting floors, walls, and personal belongings. Ice dams form when snow melts and refreezes on roofs, blocking drainage and allowing water to seep into structures. Heavy snow accumulation also poses risks, potentially causing roof collapses or damage from fallen trees and limbs. These events contribute to billions in damages annually across the country, with water-related claims being a frequent occurrence.

The company notes that preventive measures can mitigate these risks. Homeowners and business operators should insulate pipes in unheated areas, allow faucets to drip during extreme cold, and maintain consistent

indoor temperatures. For roofs, ensuring proper insulation and ventilation helps prevent ice dam formation. Regular inspections of foundations for cracks can address potential entry points for melting snow. In commercial settings, similar precautions apply, with added emphasis on monitoring large roof areas and drainage systems.

When damage occurs, prompt response is essential to limit further issues, such as mold growth from lingering moisture. SERVPRO of Allendale and Greater Holland provides restoration and cleaning services near Grand Haven, MI, including water extraction, drying, and repair for affected properties. The team handles fire damage restoration as well, which can increase during winter due to heating equipment use. Biohazard cleanup services address any contamination from sewage backups or other hazards associated with water intrusions.

Joshua A. Ingersoll, owner of SERVPRO of Allendale and Greater Holland, stated, "Winter weather presents predictable challenges in our region, and preparation can make a significant difference in outcomes for property owners. Our experience shows that quick intervention after incidents like pipe bursts prevents escalation of damage."

Dean M. Dingman, owner, added, "The key to effective restoration lies in trained professionals using established protocols to return properties to pre-damage conditions. Community awareness of these risks supports better resilience against seasonal threats."

The guidance comes as temperatures begin to drop, prompting residents and businesses to review their preparedness plans. The company has served the area since 1999, assisting with numerous incidents ranging from minor leaks to major floods. Training for staff includes certifications from the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification, ensuring adherence to industry standards.

In addition to water and fire restoration, the franchise offers mold remediation, which becomes relevant when water damage is not addressed promptly. Mold can develop within days of moisture exposure, affecting indoor air quality and structural integrity. The team's approach involves assessment, containment, removal, and prevention strategies.

Commercial clients benefit from tailored services for sectors like healthcare and hospitality, where downtime must be minimized. The nationwide network of SERVPRO franchises allows for resource mobilization during large-scale events, though the local operation handles most regional needs independently.

Heavy snowfall in Michigan can lead to additional concerns, such as structural strain from snow weight. Reports indicate that wet snow increases the likelihood of collapses in outbuildings and porches. Foundation cracks exacerbated by freeze-thaw cycles allow water infiltration, leading to basement flooding. Shingle

damage from ice can compromise roof integrity, inviting leaks.

SERVPRO of Allendale and Greater Holland operates as a locally owned franchise, part of a system established in 1967. The company focuses on cleanup and restoration for residential and commercial properties following disasters. With a commitment to community relationships in Holland and West Ottawa County, the franchise employs highly trained staff to manage various damage scenarios.

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