SERVPRO of Northwest Genesee County, Fenton, Lapeer, and Grand Blanc Reminds Residents to Prepare for Winter to Prevent Costly Water Damage from Frozen Pipes

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SERVPRO of Northwest Genesee County, Fenton, Lapeer, and Grand Blanc has issued a reminder to homeowners and businesses in the region about the importance of preparing properties for winter weather to avoid water damage caused by frozen pipes. As temperatures drop, the risk of pipes freezing increases, potentially leading to significant property damage that requires professional restoration services. This announcement comes in response to ongoing trends showing Michigan as one of the states most affected by such incidents, with millions in annual claims reported across the country.

Water damage from frozen pipes remains a common issue during Michigan winters, where cold snaps can cause pipes to burst, flooding homes and commercial buildings. According to recent data, approximately one in 60 insured homes experiences a water damage or freezing property damage claim each year. In Michigan specifically, the state has ranked among the top for frozen pipe damages, with reports indicating over $7.2 million in claims in recent years. These incidents not only result in costly repairs but also disrupt daily life and

business operations. SERVPRO of Northwest Genesee County, Fenton, Lapeer, and Grand Blanc emphasizes that proactive measures can mitigate these risks, helping property owners avoid the need for extensive cleanup and restoration.

As a provider of restoration and cleaning services near Flint, MI, the company handles a range of water-related emergencies, including those stemming from frozen pipes, sump pump failures, broken water lines, and well plumbing issues. The team's rapid response includes removing wet materials, drying affected areas, and restoring properties to their pre-damage condition. With staff trained in property damage restoration through SERVPRO's corporate facility and holding regular IICRC-industry certifications, the franchise ensures efficient handling of any size disaster. This expertise allows for minimal interruption, aligning with the brand's motto of making it "Like it never even happened."

In addition to water damage restoration, the company offers fire and smoke damage cleanup, mold mitigation, and general property restoration for both residential and commercial clients. Mold and mildew remediation forms a critical part of their services, addressing health concerns that can arise from untreated water damage. The franchise's nationwide network supports local efforts, enabling scalability for larger incidents while maintaining a focus on community-specific needs.

Joshua A. Ingersoll, owner of SERVPRO of Northwest Genesee County, Fenton, Lapeer, and Grand Blanc, stated, "Winter weather poses real challenges for properties in our area, and understanding the vulnerabilities of plumbing systems can prevent major issues. Our team has seen firsthand how quick action after a pipe burst can save time and resources for affected families and businesses."

Prevention plays a key role in avoiding these problems. Insulating exposed pipes, allowing faucets to drip during extreme cold, and maintaining consistent indoor temperatures help reduce the likelihood of freezing. Historical data shows that even small cracks in pipes can release hundreds of gallons of water daily, causing widespread damage to floors, walls, and personal belongings. By addressing potential weak points before winter fully sets in, property owners can safeguard their investments.

The company's commitment extends beyond emergency response to community support. Actively involved in local chambers of commerce in Flint, Fenton, Swartz Creek, and Flushing, the franchise sponsors events and contributes to organizations such as the Red Cross, Boys and Girls Club, Habitat for Humanity, and #londonstrong. This involvement underscores their dedication to the areas they serve, including Flint, Flushing, Clio, Montrose, Mt. Morris, and beyond.

Dean M. Dingman, owner, added, "Our local roots drive us to educate the community on these seasonal risks. With over 20 employees who live in Genesee County, we bring personal investment to every job, ensuring thorough and compassionate service."

Established as a trusted brand since 1967, SERVPRO has grown into a nationwide system of qualified franchises specializing in cleanup and restoration. The Northwest Genesee County location, owned locally since early 2017, continues this tradition by serving residential and commercial properties with 24-hour emergency availability. The team's professionalism and efficiency have earned high praise, reflected in a 4.7-star rating from hundreds of reviews.

As winter approaches, this reminder serves as a call to action for residents and businesses to inspect and prepare their properties. By taking these steps, they can minimize the impact of cold weather and rely on professional restoration when needed.

SERVPRO of Northwest Genesee County, Fenton, Lapeer, and Grand Blanc operates as part of the broader SERVPRO network, recognized as the top choice in cleanup and restoration based on industry studies. The franchise focuses on delivering high-quality services to communities in Genesee, Lapeer, and surrounding counties, helping properties recover from various forms of damage.

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SERVPRO of Northwest Genesee County specializes in the cleanup and restoration of residential and commercial property after a fire, smoke or water damage. SERVPRO of Northwest Genesee County can also mitigate mold and mildew from your home or business.

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