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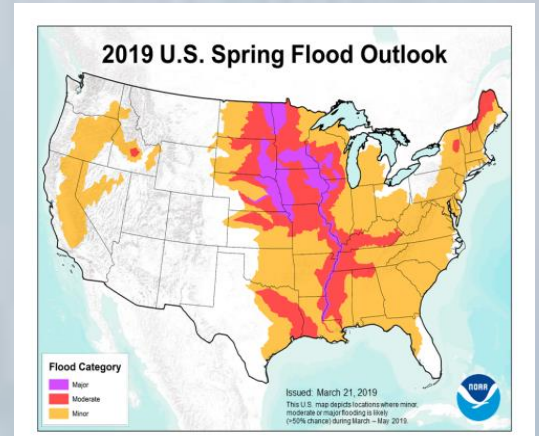
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April Showers Bring... Lots and Lots of Water

What are Weather Professionals Saying About 2019?

According to NOAA's Spring 2019 Forecast – nearly two-thirds of the lower 48 states face an elevated risk of flooding through May, with the potential for major (Red) or moderate (Orange) flooding in 25 states. A majority of the country is likely to experience above-average precipitation this spring, increasing the flood risk.

Portions of the United States – especially in the upper Mississippi and Missouri River basins including Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa – have already experienced record flooding this year. This early flooding was caused by rapid snow melt combined with heavy spring rain and late season snowfall in areas with already saturated soils. In some areas, ice jams are exacerbating the flooding.



What Can You Do to Prevent and Mitigate Water Damage?

Knowing what spring weather likely holds for many Wisconsin communities, here are some helpful tips that you can utilize to combat the early season water damage exposure from Mother Nature:

- ✓ Have all roof drains, downspouts and gutters professionally checked and cleaned.
- ✓ Conduct regular inspections of all roofs and drain systems throughout the year, and especially after every adverse weather event to inspect for damages.
- ✓ If you have battery backup sump pumps, make sure to check the battery.
- ✓ Implement redundant drain and pump systems in all locations where you may have groundwater concerns
- ✓ Make sure your water shut off valves are in good working order and are easily accessible.
- ✓ If surface water has been an issue in the past, it is a good idea to have sand bags ready for use.
- ✓ When you're expecting flooding move mobile equipment to higher ground.
- ✓ Plan, prepare, and implement all emergency plans for your facilities and community.
- ✓ In the event of you experience flooding, contact MPIC for assistance with your damage and coordination of your recovery efforts through FEMA.

Damage from water intrusion (internal and external) must be addressed as promptly as possible in order to reduce the long-term impact of the water and potential health hazards from resulting mold and other dangerous materials that may come with flood waters.

Simply give us a call and we will be glad to help walk you through the process 877-278-4165 or claims@mpicwi.com