

# SECURING YOUR HOME FOR SPRING AND SEVERE WEATHER SEASON

## 1 CONTROL THE WATER FLOW

## 2 MITIGATE WIND HAZARDS



**Inspect your roof** for loose or missing shingles, holes, or other damage.

Bring in a qualified roof inspector or structural engineer to ensure that your **roof is properly secured**.

**Clear your gutters and downspouts** to keep water from coming over your roof flashing.

Secure **satellite dishes** and digital antennas.

Install **storm doors, storm windows and storm shutters**. Make sure they are closed and battened down whenever a thunderstorm approaches.

**Cut down** dead or dying trees.

Change out **weather stripping** around doors. Remove old caulk and reseal around older windows.

**Trim back** large branches, especially if they overhang your roof or utility lines.

Have your **foundation inspected and sealed** every few years.

Have your façade inspected. **Repair loose siding, bricks and shutters**.

Secure your **pool cover, grill, lawn equipment, toys and patio furniture** in advance of a thunderstorm.

Check your **sump pump**. Make sure there is no obstructing debris and that it is functioning properly.

If you don't have a basement or other available underground shelter, have a **storm cellar** installed. It could save your life in a tornado.

## 3 LIGHTNING AND FIRE DAMAGE PREVENTION

Install a properly-grounded **lightning rod**.

**DO NOT reposition your satellite dish or digital antenna** when a storm is approaching.



Change the batteries in all your **smoke detectors**

