



## Guidance for rebuilding damaged property

For property owners and residents whose properties have been damaged as a result of civil unrest.

- Safety first: Damaged buildings may pose hazards. Proceed with caution.
- Report downed power lines or gas leaks to the utility company.
- If you find any standing water or think the electrical system has been compromised, make sure the electricity is turned off.
- Alert the property owner and insurance company about any damage.

When your building is secure, here's how the City of Saint Paul can help:

- General cleanup can be done without a permit. Other repairs and demolition require building or demolition permits. Please call Building Plan Review at 651-266-9007 for questions about obtaining permits.
- It is recommended that you hire a licensed contractor to help safeguard a hazardous situation. However, be aware of scams and always check to verify if a license is valid. Visit the state's Department of Labor and Industry [website](#) to verify a contractor's license.
- It is also recommended that you hire a licensed engineer if there is significant structural damage.
- Do not alter the condition of the property except for emergency repairs to prevent further damage. Emergency repairs should not be started without first obtaining an online emergency repair building permit. Visit our online portal: <https://online.stpaul.gov/>
- Find a list of licensed Trades contractors [here](#).

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