

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# RAIN, WIND AND HAIL IN SEVERAL REGIONS — IBC INVITES POLICYHOLDERS TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS

**Montreal, June 20, 2025** – A day marked by a combination of strong winds, heavy rain and possible hail is forecast in southern and eastern Quebec, particularly in the Montérégie, Estrie and Chaudière-Appalaches regions.

These extreme weather events can cause significant damage to homes and vehicles.

IBC encourages policyholders to take the following precautions before the start of events:

## To protect yourself from strong winds:

- Make sure that doors and windows are securely closed.
- Store or securely tie any object outside (garbage cans, chairs, barbecue, umbrella, etc.).
- Remove the cover from temporary shelters and close the gas inlet if necessary.
- Park the car in the garage or in the shelter of trees or objects that may fall.

### To limit the damage caused by heavy rainfall:

- Clear the gutters and make sure they are properly connected.
- Reduce water consumption (dishwashers, washing machines, etc.) so as not to overload the sewers
- Reassemble valuables in the basement.
- Check doors and windows for tightness and close them carefully.

#### In case of hail:

- Park the vehicle in a sheltered place if possible.
- Cover fragile outdoor objects.
- Avoid going out during hailstorm, for your safety.

# **General safety measures:**

- Prepare a first aid kit, flashlights, candles or a generator.
- Take photos or videos of the property before the storm to facilitate any claims.

In the event of damage, keep all invoices for expenses incurred and contact your insurer as soon as possible.



#### **Insurance Information Centre**

IBC makes its Insurance Information Centre available to consumers, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All they have to do is contact 514-288-4321 (Montreal area) or 1-877-288-4321 (elsewhere in Quebec). They will also find relevant information on the www.infoassurance.ca website.

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# **About IBC**

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