



**The Vacant
Property Specialists**

Free guide for vacant property owners: protect against winter with the VPS Cold Weather Plan

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VPS, the UK's leading vacant property specialist, has issued a timely guide to help landlords and owners of both vacant commercial properties and empty homes plan for the winter ahead.

"Damage caused by winter weather can cost thousands to repair." Warns Anthony Owen, Managing Director of VPS. "Flooding from a burst pipe in an unattended property can go unnoticed for days, and the repair to a roof which has collapsed from heavy snow can run into five figures quite easily. These costs can often be claimed from an insurance policy, but not all claims will be met if a property has not been maintained properly."

The '[VPS Cold Weather Plan](#)' white paper has extracted the expertise of VPS' very own property inspectors and site risk assessors – who make over 100,000 visits to properties annually – to distil their knowledge and pass it on to owners, landlords, facilities and estate managers.

"Although the UK and Northern Ireland have had relatively mild winters in the recent past, last year many parts of England experienced 63 days of air frost or more" explains Mr Owen. "In addition, the year before was the second wettest year on record."

The VPS Cold Weather Plan outlines cases where the lack of adequate property maintenance has meant a failure in compliance with the insurance terms for a vacant property, leaving owners thousands of pounds out of pocket.

"I urge you to follow this guide, it's free from the VPS website, and it could save you thousands." Mr Owen concludes.

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About the VPS Group:

VPS partner the largest insurance companies and site asset managers in the country, providing initial risk assessment, security, guarding, monitoring, clearing, cleaning, maintenance and preparation. These services protect properties against unauthorised access and a variety of hazards such as arson, theft, squatting and unauthorised occupation.

Technology:

In May, the VPS SmartTower CCTV was selected for the U.S. [Government Security Platinum Award](#) for Perimeter Security, alongside technology giants Samsung, Honeywell Security and [BlackBerry](#).

In June, VPS launched [Inspection IQ](#), an app that will allow totally traceable inspections for landlords, site owners and facilities managers. It has just been selected as one of Tomorrow's FM Top 50 products 2015.

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