## **Property Claim Instructions**

- 1. Protect your property from further damage.
  - Cover the property if it is exposed to the elements.
  - Make temporary repairs, if reasonable and necessary, to protect the property from further damage.
  - Maintain a record of all expenses incurred.
  - Separate damaged from undamaged personal property.
- 2. Take photos of damage (if possible).
- 3. Prepare an inventory of damaged personal property, contact LaPorte.
  - List quantity, description, and value.
  - Attach bills, receipts, estimates, and related documents.
- 4. Retain damaged property until a claims adjuster approves its disposal (unless a danger to safety exists).
  - The adjuster may need to inspect the property.
- 5. Notify police if there is a theft and document the name/contact information of the responding police officer and the police report number.
- 6. Expect to be contacted by the claims adjuster within two working days. Please call LaPorte if you have not been contacted within that timeframe.
  - If the damage significantly affects your continuing operations, we will request that the insurance carrier expedite your claim.
  - Please let us know immediately if your circumstances change and this loss will have a greater impact on your business than originally anticipated.
- 7. Be prepared to provide additional information as requested by the claims adjuster.