

Storm Damage Checklist

After a severe storm or high-wind event, it is important to inspect your home for any damage. You can contact a trusted, professional roofing contractor to assist with the inspection and help you assess if there is any damage. Many contractors provide free inspections and will know how to look for roof damage safely.

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Visually assess the roof by walking around the perimeter of your home and noting any visible damage. You may also be able to get closer views from upper-level windows. Make sure to document any storm damage such as dented, torn, curled, or missing shingles. Also, take lots of pictures, which will be helpful later on for insurance purposes.



ATTIC AND CEILINGS

After a heavy storm or high-wind event, it is important to check your attic and ceiling for leaks. While your home's roof might appear undamaged on the outside, wind and hail can cause unseen leaks that may become problematic in the future. Ceilings, light fixtures and your attic should all be inspected for water leaks.



GUTTERS, VENTS, AND WINDOWS

Check your home's gutters, gable vents and other overhangs for dents, cracks or separations from the storm. Windows should also be inspected for damage including cracks, damaged weather-stripping, or torn screens. Do the window examination from inside to ensure you get a close up inspection for even the smallest chips or cracks, which could worsen over time.



SURROUNDING AREAS

It is also a good idea to survey your property for any damage from the storm. Look for fallen tree limbs, missing fence posts, damage to yard furniture and damage to decks or patios.



If you notice any damage to your property, it is important to notify your home insurance provider immediately so you can start your claim quickly and correctly as per their requirements.