

# WHAT TO DO IF YOU SUSPECT YOUR ROOF HAS STORM DAMAGE



Your roof is your home's first line of defense against high winds, heavy rain, and hail caused from severe weather. If you suspect your roof has been damaged, be sure to complete the following steps as soon as you are able. It's important to catch damage in the early stages.

## 1 ASSESS THE DAMAGE

If you suspect roof damage after a storm, it's important to do a visual inspection so you can discuss your needs with a roofing professional and/or file a claim with your insurance company. Try to estimate the size and specific details of the area that has been damaged, and look carefully to see if there are areas with missing shingles. If possible, take pictures of the damaged areas, as these will come in handy when filing for an insurance claim.

## 2 MAKE TEMPORARY FIXES TO MINIMIZE PROPERTY DAMAGE

If the roof is impaired enough that water from outside is entering the home, place a bucket or garbage can under the leaks and remove any valuables in the area. In more serious situations, you can use a tarp to quickly waterproof the affected area.

## 3 CONTACT YOUR HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE PROVIDER

It's essential to involve your homeowner's insurance provider right away so you can file a claim based on their requirements. They can help you evaluate if the damage is significant enough to be covered through home insurance, or if it would be more beneficial to hire a contractor directly for repairs.

## 4 IF NECESSARY, HIRE A RELIABLE CONTRACTOR

If you decide to hire your own roofer, always hire a professional certified roofing contractor. Roofers and repair companies are likely to be busy after a large regional storm and may try to compete for your business by offering discounts or "deals." If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

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