

ROOF STORM DAMAGE

Checklist

Immediate Actions

- Document everything by taking photos from multiple angles
- Write down a list of all the visible damage
- Look for water stains on ceilings and walls
- Cover holes or missing shingles with tarps
- Board up broken windows or exposed areas
- Clean the gutters if you can reach them safely
- Make a claim to insurance company within 24-48 hours
- Use binoculars/drone for ground-level inspection of damage
- Keep receipts for emergency repairs and temporary coverings

Exterior Inspection

- Shingles: Missing, cracked, or curled shingles
- Gutters: Dents, separation, or sagging sections
- Flashing: Chimneys, vents, and roof joints
- Vents and fixtures: Examine roof penetrations for damage
- Siding: Impact marks, holes, or loose panels
- Windows: Cracked glass or damaged frames

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Interior Inspection

- Water damage: Ceiling stains, dripping water, musty odors, warped flooring
- Structural: Sagging ceilings, new cracks in walls, doors that won't close properly
- Electrical: Wet outlets, flickering lights, or power issues near damaged areas
- Insulation: Wet or displaced insulation in attics or crawl spaces
- Ventilation: Damaged bathroom or kitchen exhaust fans

Insurance Documentation

- Photograph everything: Take wide shots and close-ups of all damage
- Create written descriptions: Note the size, location, and extent of each problem
- Save weather reports: Document the storm date and severity
- Keep all receipts: Save documentation for emergency repairs and temporary fixes
- Get repair estimates: Obtain quotes from licensed contractors
- Track communications: Keep records of all insurance company interactions