

What you should do after a major windstorm.



Windstorms can be an unfortunate event and may cause extensive amounts of damage to your property. If you have experienced a strong windstorm recently these are some things you should consider doing.

Avoid Common Mistakes

One commonly over looked mistake is under-estimating the damage. One missing shingle may seem like a minor issue, but in reality, it is masking a larger problem. Once a shingle has been blown away, the entire section becomes weakened and far more vulnerable to future leaking and wind damage.



It's strongly recommended to ask your roofers the right questions: "Are you replacing my missing shingles and performing a tune up?", "How can I prevent further damage?", "how can I contact you if I need you in the future?". By asking these questions you can avoid 'fly by night' roofers.

As a warning, we would like to remind you to never allow a door-to-door roofer, who shows up after a storm to go on your roof. These 'storm chasers' roofers are usually scam artist, who might cause additional damage to your roof. These 'fly by night' roofers only take your money and do shady work with sub-par materials, or they leave town after taking your deposit.

Check your Roof

Your roof is the first line of defence against the elements. However, your roof is especially vulnerable to wind damage. Inspect your roof carefully for any signs of wind damage. In some cases, it's easy to detect wind damage, for example, lifted, missing or broken shingles. These require immediate attention and you should get professional help as soon as possible.



But there are other times where it can be hard to detect wind damage. During a serious windstorm your property moves and flexes. In some cases windstorms can

cause your property to move so much that they crack shingles and loosen the nails that hold down your shingles. These shingles are now loose, reducing their ability to hold off future leaks and leaving them more vulnerable to the wind.

Plan Ahead

It's very likely you will experience another windstorm at some point in the near future. Planning ahead is always the best option, especially when it comes to these cases. If you feel that your roof has been damaged or is vulnerable, consult a professional and get a professional opinion, on what you can do to protect yourself from the next storm.

What you should do when you see or expect wind damage?

- 1) Try to safely locate where the damage has occurred.
- 2) If the damage is visible, take some photos.
- 3) Call over a professional for a consultation.
- 4) Speak to your home insurance company and begin the process in making a claim.
- 5) Get your roof repair/tune-up in preparation for future storms.