

# **POST-STORM CHECKLIST**

After a storm, it's **important** to check your roof and property for any signs of damage. Taking these steps **promptly** can help **prevent more costly repairs** down the road!

#### Check for Visible Roof Damage

- Missing Shingles: Look for areas where shingles may be missing or lifted.
- Cracked or Dented Shingles: Inspect for cracks, dents, or curling, especially if there was hail or high winds.
- Loose or Damaged Flashing: Look around chimneys, vents, and skylights for loose or damaged flashing.

#### **Inspect Gutters and Downspouts**

- Clogs and Blockages: Clear out any debris to prevent water buildup.
- **Damage or Detached Sections:** Check for dents, loose attachments, or misaligned downspouts that could cause water damage.
- **Granule Buildup:** Look for an excess of shingle granules in gutters, which may indicate shingle wear.

### Survey the Attic for Leaks

- Water Stains on Rafters or Ceilings: These may indicate leaks or moisture buildup.
- **Damp Insulation:** Check for damp or compressed insulation, which can reduce energy efficiency and signal leaks.
- Mold or Mildew Growth: Look for any musty smells or signs of mold, which could point to water infiltration.

## **Examine the Interior Ceilings and Walls**

- Water Spots or Stains: Look for any fresh stains or discoloration on ceilings and walls.
- **Peeling Paint or Wallpaper:** This can be an early sign of moisture getting in through the roof.

#### **Inspect Trees and Landscaping**

- Broken Branches on Roof: Look for branches or debris that may have fallen on the roof.
- Uprooted or Leaning Trees: Check for leaning or damaged trees near the home that may need trimming or removal.

## **Contact A Roofing Professional**

- Schedule a Roof Inspection: Have a professional roofer assess the extent of any storm damage.
- Request an Estimate: If repairs or replacement is necessary, ask for an estimate and timeline.

