

# STORM DAMAGE CHECKLIST

6 THINGS TO LOOK FOR AFTER A STORM

It's official – storm season is here, and as you all know, Tennessee weather can be unpredictable and extreme. Meaning torrential wind, rain & hail can adversely affect your roof. We all know it's best to be prepared – but if you don't have time before a heavy storm comes through and you think you need repairs or even a replacement – it's OK! We created this helpful checklist to walk you through everything you need to know & do when your home is unexpectedly affected by severe weather.

- **Look for leaks and water spots in your attic and ceilings.** From the outside, your roof may appear undamaged, but wind and hail may have caused leaks that could lead to problems, like structural damage, down the road. Check all of your light fixtures and ceilings for any sign of water. Be sure to inspect your attic closely also.
- **Inspect the area outside your home.** Be on the lookout for fallen trees and branches outside your home. Check for damage to outside decorations, lawn furniture, or broken fences. Look closely at any flat surfaces, such as patios and decks, for signs of hail damage. Sometimes, that type of damage can go unnoticed.
- **Check gutters, roofing accessories, and windows.** Even though your shingles may appear undamaged, dents in your gutters or roof vents may point to hidden damage that was done. It's also important to inspect your windows for loose weather stripping, torn screens, and cracks.
- **Assess your roof for storm damage – from the ground.** Walk around the perimeter of your home and photograph or make notes of any damage you see. The most obvious signs of damage include dented, curled, torn or missing shingles.
- **Call your homeowner's insurance company.** If you suspect any damage call and report a claim with your insurance company immediately and arrange for an inspection. Make sure you refer to your notes so all of the damage gets reported. Once this step is complete, Specialized Contractors, LLC has the experience and is more than happy to work side-by-side with your insurance company so you don't have to.
- **Call a contractor you can trust.** There will be a lot of roofing contractors competing for your business right after a big storm. Choose a contractor you can trust to assess your damage, provide a FREE estimate and replace your roof using proven products made by GAF. Specialized Contractors, LLC has a team of professionally trained and licensed contractors willing to assist with your roof repair or replacement.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We NEVER advise that anyone climb on his or her roof immediately after a storm. Shingles could be extremely slippery or the roof structure could've been weakened. If you think you have roof damage, it's best to contact a professional roofing contractor you trust to help complete the assessment for you.