

Get ready for storm season

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With winter behind us and spring underway, the time to get ready for storm season is now. Heavy rain, strong winds, and perhaps hail are just a few of the things you have to look forward to in the coming months. All of these things can wreak havoc on your home if you aren't adequately prepared for it. Experts recommend doing the following things to make sure that the storm season doesn't catch you unaware.

Inspect your roof

Your roof is your first line of defense against the elements. If your roof has fallen into disrepair, it doesn't matter what shape the rest of your home is in, the outside is going to get inside. If your roof is compromised, wind and rain will make matters worse for your home. Water, once inside your home can quickly cause thousands in damages. Before the worst of the rainy season hits, you'll want to make sure that your roof is ready for it. Have a professional inspect your roof looking for any signs of weakness. The roofer will then be able to suggest any work that should be done to get your roof in top shape. Don't put it off, immediately make any roof repairs necessary.

Clean out your rain gutters

The rain gutters are an often overlooked part of your home. They're an integral part of your roofing system responsible for getting the water off of your roof and away from your home's foundation. If you've allowed your rain gutters to be clogged with leaves, twigs, and other debris, they can't perform that function. Water can pool up on your roof quickly ruining your shingles. Get out and make sure your rain gutters and downspouts are clear and securely attached to your home.

Trim your trees

You might be wondering what your trees have to do with your roof. If any branches hang over your roof, then those trees have everything to do with your roof. A particularly nasty windstorm can cause thousands of dollars in damage if large limbs hang over your roof. Even smaller branches can cause problems as leaves and twigs quickly accumulate on your roof and in your rain gutters trapping water. Keep your trees trimmed so they can't cause problems for your roof.

Look over your homeowners insurance

Finally, take a look at your homeowners insurance. Make sure it's adequate. Make sure that coverage limits are high enough and that you understand the coverage. If your insurance is in anyway inadequate, pay more for adequate coverage. It's always better to pay a little more and be prepared for the worst.

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