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Storm preparation checklist

A practical review for your home, your records, and the essentials you may need before severe weather arrives.

Review the property

- [ ] Photograph the roof and exterior from safe ground-level viewpoints. Save dated images.
- [ ] Arrange safe cleaning of gutters and downspouts, and confirm drainage paths are clear.
- [ ] Have damaged or overhanging tree branches assessed and trimmed by a qualified professional.
- [ ] Look for attic moisture stains or daylight, and have roof vents and pipe boots checked for gaps.
- [ ] Secure loose siding, shutters, fence panels, and outdoor items before severe weather arrives.
- [ ] Arrange a professional roof inspection if you notice wear, leaks, or storm-related damage.

Keep the right records

- [ ] Confirm your homeowners policy is current. Ask your insurer about deductibles and coverage.
- [ ] Save your insurer or claims contact information, including the direct phone number.
- [ ] Ask your insurer whether your policy includes ordinance or law coverage for code upgrades.
- [ ] Create a digital folder for property photos, receipts, policy documents, and project records.

Prepare your household

- [ ] Test the sump pump and its backup battery, if your home has them.
- [ ] Know where the main water shutoff is and keep access to it clear.
- [ ] Charge a backup phone battery and keep it with your emergency supplies.
- [ ] Enable local emergency alerts and use NOAA Weather Radio or local forecasts for updates.
- [ ] Review your household shelter and communication plan before a storm is forecast.

Discuss roofing or property work with our team.

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Weather guidance: weather.gov/safety/thunderstorm-prepare | Complete outdoor checks before storms.