

Hail Damage 101: How It Affects Your Roof and What to Do Next



Hailstorms can wreak havoc on your roof, leading to costly repairs if damage is not addressed promptly. Here are 15 key signs of hail damage and steps to take for repair.

15 Signs of Hail Damage to Look For

Exterior Damage

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Dented or Bruised Shingles



Check for visible dents, bruises, or soft spots on asphalt shingles.

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Missing Granules



Look for granule loss, especially in your gutters and downspouts, which can weaken shingle protection.

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Cracked or Split Shingles



Impact from hail can cause fractures in shingles, leading to leaks over time.

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Punctured Roofing Materials



Large hailstones can create visible punctures in shingles, requiring immediate repair.

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Damaged Flashing



Inspect metal flashing around chimneys, vents, and skylights for dents or loosened sections.

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Bent or Dented Gutters and Downspouts



Hail impact can bend gutters and dislodge connections, affecting water drainage.

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Roof Vent Damage



Check for dents or cracks on roof vents, which can compromise ventilation.

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Chimney and Skylight Issues



Examine seals and flashing around these features for cracks or shifting caused by hail.

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Siding and Exterior Wall Damage



If your home's siding has dents or cracks, your roof may have suffered similar damage.

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Broken or Loose Roofing Nails



Hail impact can loosen nails, making shingles more susceptible to wind damage.



Interior Damage

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Water Stains on Ceilings and Walls

Discoloration or water spots may indicate a leaking roof caused by hail damage.

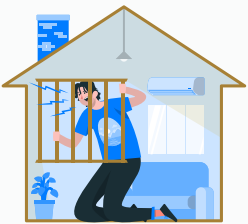
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Attic Moisture or Leaks

Look for wet insulation, mold growth, or dampness in your attic after a storm.

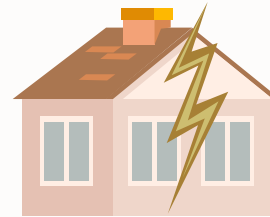
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Sagging or Warped Ceiling Panels

Long-term leaks can lead to structural damage and warping inside your home.

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Drafts or Temperature Changes

A compromised roof can impact insulation, leading to noticeable temperature fluctuations.

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Mold or Musty Odors

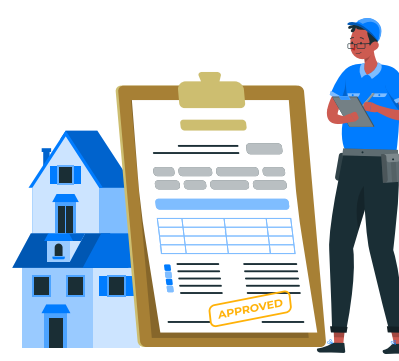
Undetected roof leaks can lead to mold growth, which can pose health risks.

What to Do Next



Document the Damage

Take clear photos of any visible hail damage to support insurance claims.



Check with Neighbors

If others in your area have reported hail damage, your home may be affected as well.



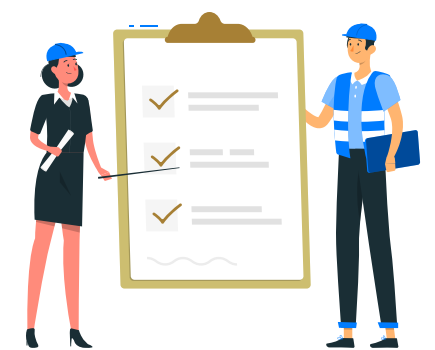
Contact a Professional Roofer

Schedule an inspection with a licensed roofing contractor to assess the extent of the damage.



Review Your Insurance Policy

Check your homeowner's insurance to understand coverage for hail-related repairs.



File a Claim if Necessary

If the damage is significant, report it to your insurance provider and work with an adjuster.

Addressing hail damage promptly can prevent more serious roofing issues and costly repairs down the line. Stay proactive and ensure your home is protected.

