



STORM SEASON PROPERTY CHECKLIST

A practical checklist to prepare your property before storm season.



ROOF

- ☐ Visually inspect the roof from the ground
- ☐ Look for loose roof screws or lifted roofing sheets
- ☐ Check for cracked or broken roof tiles
- ☐ Inspect roof flashing around chimneys, vents and valleys
- ☐ Look for signs of rust or water staining

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GUTTERS & DOWNPIPES

- ☐ Remove leaves, sticks and other debris
- ☐ Check that downpipes are clear and flowing freely
- ☐ Look for sagging or damaged gutter sections
- ☐ Ensure gutters are securely attached
- ☐ Check for overflow marks from previous rain

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TREES & GARDEN

- ☐ Remove dead or damaged branches
- ☐ Trim branches overhanging the roof
- ☐ Check trees for obvious signs of instability
- ☐ Remove loose garden debris
- ☐ Keep vegetation away from drainage areas

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DRAINAGE

- ☐ Clear stormwater pits and grates
- ☐ Check surface drains are free from debris
- ☐ Look for areas where water regularly pools
- ☐ Ensure water flows away from your home
- ☐ Inspect retaining wall drainage outlets

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AROUND THE HOME

- ☐ Check fences and gates for loose posts or hinges
- ☐ Secure outdoor furniture
- ☐ Store or secure umbrellas
- ☐ Secure trampolines and play equipment
- ☐ Bring lightweight pot plants undercover if severe weather is forecast



EMERGENCY PREPARATION

- ☐ Charge mobile phones and power banks
- ☐ Test torches and replace batteries if needed
- ☐ Prepare a basic first aid kit
- ☐ Save emergency contact numbers
- ☐ Know where your electricity, gas and water shut-offs are located



VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT

- ☐ Park vehicles away from large trees where possible
- ☐ Secure trailers and loose equipment



AFTER THE STORM

- ☐ Check your property for damage from a safe distance
- ☐ Avoid fallen power lines
- ☐ Clear only small debris that can be moved easily
- ☐ Photograph any damage for insurance purposes
- ☐ Report hazardous trees or power lines to the appropriate authority

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STAY SAFE DURING STORM SEASON

If you notice any of the following, do not attempt to fix them yourself:

- Fallen power lines
- Trees contacting power lines
- Major structural damage
- Large trees under tension or at risk of falling
- Flooded electrical areas

If there is an immediate danger to life, call 000.

Remember: Most storm damage starts as a small maintenance issue. Spending a little time preparing your property before storm season can help reduce the risk of costly repairs later.

This checklist is intended as a general guide only. If you're ever unsure about the safety of a situation, always put your safety first and seek professional assistance where appropriate.



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FOR EMERGENCY HELP IN FLOOD,
STORM AND TSUNAMI CALL

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In life-threatening emergencies call 000

