



STORM DAMAGE DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

WHAT TO CAPTURE AFTER WIND OR HAIL | TWIN CITIES METRO

After wind or hail, the board's job is a clear, dated record. This list covers what to capture and what to leave to professionals. It does not advise on any insurance claim, which is a decision for your board and its own advisors.

ESTABLISH THE EVENT

☐ Record the storm date and, if you can, the wind direction.

NOAA's free Storm Events Database, searchable by county and date, confirms the storm, hail size, and estimated wind speed. Print that record.

FROM THE GROUND, EVERY BUILDING

☐ Photograph wide, then close.

Wide shots that show which building and which elevation, then close-ups of each specific sign. Phone date stamps are exactly what you want.

☐ Check the soft metals for dents.

Roof vents, flashing, gutters, and downspouts dent when shingles are also being struck. They are the clearest ground-level tell that hail was large enough to do damage.

☐ Note fresh granule deposits in gutters and at downspout outlets.

A sudden heavy deposit after a storm is worth noting. The light, steady grit of normal aging is not.

☐ Look for missing shingles, creased tabs, and displaced flashing.

Check the landscaping downwind for blown tabs, and note the ridge caps, which sit in the highest-uplift zone.

☐ Record locations precisely.

Building or address, slope or elevation (north, south, east, west), and component (roof field, ridge, valley, flashing, gutter, siding, fence).

INSIDE

☐ Photograph any attic or ceiling water signs, with the unit or common area noted.

THEN

☐ Bring in a qualified professional for the on-roof look.

Bruised mats and broken granule bonds are invisible from the ground, and hail is directional, so a property-wide assessment matters more than one representative building.

☐ Keep people off the roof.

Walking a storm-struck roof is a job for professionals with fall protection.

STORM JUST CAME THROUGH?

A first call takes about fifteen minutes and costs nothing, 612-440-8660. The full guide: trupointhoa.com/knowledge-center/wind-storm-damage-recognition