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Storm Damage Roof Checklist for Utah Homeowners

Work through these 6 steps after any hail, wind or heavy snow. By the end, you'll know whether you need an inspection, and you'll have a record either way.

1. Stay safe first (first 4 hours)

- [ ] Stay off the roof and ladders, especially if it's wet or icy.
- [ ] Keep clear of downed power lines and sagging gutters.
- [ ] Switch off power to any light fixture with water in or near it.

2. Scan the roof from the ground with binoculars (hours 4 to 12)

- [ ] Spot missing, lifted or creased shingles at ridges, edges and corners.
- [ ] Collect any shingle pieces, ridge caps or flashing from the yard, and keep them.
- [ ] Check the drip edge, flashing, chimney cap and skylights for bends or lifts.

3. Check gutters and soft metals, your best hail clue (hours 4 to 12)

- [ ] Run a hand along gutters, downspouts, vents, AC fins and the garage door to feel for fresh dents.
- [ ] Check downspout outlets for granules (sand-like grit). A fresh pile after a storm can point to hail damage.
- [ ] Spot gutters that sag or pull away from the fascia.
- [ ] Check screens, siding, the mailbox, cars and patio furniture for new dings or splatter marks.

4. Check inside the house (hours 4 to 12)

- [ ] Take a flashlight into the attic. Look for wet insulation, stained decking or daylight.
- [ ] Scan ceilings and the tops of outside walls for new stains, bubbling paint or drips.
- [ ] Winter: thick icicles at the eaves or stains near outside walls? Both point to an ice dam.

5. Build your record (hours 12 to 24)

- [ ] Turn on date stamps, then take wide shots and close-ups.
- [ ] Write down the storm date, time and hail size (use the hail size chart in the guide).
- [ ] **Had two storms?** Keep separate notes and photos for each. Insurers tie damage to one date of loss.
- [ ] Screenshot weather alerts or news reports from that day.

6. Take action (hours 24 to 48)

- [ ] Exposed decking or water inside? Get a tarp on today.
- [ ] Find your deductible (and any wind/hail deductible) and claim deadline in your policy.
- [ ] Book a free professional inspection within a few days.
- [ ] Before you sign with a roofer, verify their license on Utah DOPL (roofing class S280) and read your rights in the guide.