

## Checklist: How to tell if your roof is damaged after a storm

- 1. What was the size of the hail?** The size of individual hailstones will impact the degree of damage, and keep in mind that hailstones can be as small as a pea or as large as a softball, or anything in between. On average, it takes a 1" or above diameter hail stone to cause damage to the most common shingles.
- 2. Can you visibly notice if shingles have been blown off-** This is important because if you can visibly notice a few shingles missing, you can guarantee that there is more damage on parts of the house that you can't see.
- 3. Were the leaves shredded on the trees around your neighborhood?** This is important because if the hail is big enough and the storm lasted more than a few minutes. Typically, any storm that lasts anywhere between 5-8 minutes you will not have any damage.
- 4. Check for broken windows and damaged window screens-** Any dents, dings, or other signs of hail impact - even minor ones may be a sign that there is more damage up above.
- 5. Were any of the cars outside the house damaged?** If you see that some of the cars outside the house are damaged, you will know the extent of the damage that is probably above the house.
- 6. Check your surrounding neighborhood for roofing contractor signs on the lawns-** If your neighbors are getting their roofs inspected or repaired, chances are that you need to check out your roof as well.