



How To Inspect Your *House*

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Identifying leaks or storm damage isn't always easy. You may have to go looking for it. Be prepared to inspect your roof periodically or hire a qualified contractor to do so. The earlier you identify roof damage, the more likely you are to prevent downstream effects such as water intrusion, rot, and mould.

Walk around the inside of your house.

Look for any water stains on the ceiling or in the attic.

LOOK FOR	POSSIBLE CAUSES	URGENCY
Daylight	Holes in the roof deck	High
Mold	Ongoing leaks	Med
Water Stain	Moisture from rain or snow or poor ventilation	Med
Sagging	Weakening of the structure	Med

Walk around the outside of your house.

Look for any dislodged, damaged or disconnected items.

LOOK FOR	POSSIBLE CAUSES	URGENCY
Disconnected downspouts	Wind damage	Low
Chips to siding or windows	Hail damage	Low
Bent or detached flashing	Wind damage	Med
Missing or crushed downspout extension	Foot traffic or vehicles	Low

Get up on the roof

Only get on the roof if you are comfortable climbing a ladder. Secure the ladder to the gutter if possible. Avoid getting on steep roofs or during inclement weather.

LOOK FOR	POSSIBLE CAUSES	URGENCY
Missing shingles	Wind damage	High
Cracked or curled shingles	Weathering / Age	Low
Dents and dings to vents	Hail damage	Low
Exposed nails around flashing	Weathering over time or caulking not applied at installation	Med
Clogged gutters	Leaves from nearby trees or debris	High
Dark spots with missing granules	Hail damage	Med

When using a ladder, make sure to always have three points of contact. Secure ladder to the roof when possible.





If you have questions about possible damage and whether your roof qualifies for replacement through your homeowners policy, call

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