



Hints For Homeowners

Prepare Your Home For The Rough Weather Ahead

(NAPS)—There have been more than 80 extreme weather events in the United States that caused at least \$1 billion each in damage since 2011, according to data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Centers for Environmental Information.

The average homeowner has three problems waiting to be fixed according to a new survey conducted by One-Poll on behalf of Owens Corning Roofing. The issues caused by the changing weather have the potential to snowball. Any month is a good time to make sure you and your home are prepared for unexpected occurrences of inclement weather to lessen the stress and costs Mother Nature can bring.

Considering the survey also revealed that homeowners typically spend \$3,497 repairing their home each year from issues caused by the changing weather, these four simple, proactive measures can help save money and headaches in the long run:

1. SEAL UP!—Inspect your windows and doors. Seal up any cracks that have formed over time that can be susceptible to drafts in the wind and leaks in the rain. Consider storm windows, storm shutters and steel doors. High winds can bombard French doors and sliding patio doors.

2. UNCLOG!—Free gutters and downspouts from clogs. If rain runs down your walls on the outside, it could soak through to the foundation, causing flooding on the inside.

3. LANDSCAPE!—Clean up the yard. Remove all dead and dying limbs from trees, secure lawn furniture, trash cans, grills, flowerpots and yard ornaments to reduce the potential for wind-driven objects crashing through your windows.

4. INSPECT!—Check on the condition of your roof. The roof can be the single largest ticket item for many homeowners, so it's important to pay attention to any warning signs of problems and to ensure bad weather doesn't cause extensive damage. If your roof isn't properly installed and maintained, you could be inviting in water, mold, animals and structural damage.

On the upside, you can get helpful information and the expertise of



Rain, ice, snow and high winds can all wreak havoc on your home—but you can be prepared.

trusted, reliable contractors through the Owens Corning Roofing Platinum Contractor Network. Contractors like Ferris Home Improvements in Philadelphia are the top-tier of a premier network of roofing professionals dedicated to service, reliability and professional craftsmanship. They meet high standards and satisfy strict requirements—all to give consumers the peace of mind that comes from knowing they've chosen the right contractor for the job.

"Delaware Valley is known for experiencing wind driven freezing rain and severe snowstorms," said Reds Ferris, Owner of Ferris Home Improvements. "Issues that are brushed aside can eventually make their way into your home and rack up unexpected costs. It's important to have a contractor who you can trust for ongoing preventative maintenance and inspections, especially during the changing seasons."

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