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Wind and Hail Damage Prevention

With Hail season right around the corner it is time to think about taking some preventive measures for your house and property. A cloudy start to the day quickly turns threatening as the National Weather Service issues a severe thunderstorm warning with winds gusting up to 60 mph and the possibility for golf ball sized hail. Wind and hail can cause great concern during any storm, so it is essential to be prepared before they hit.

One of the most recommended tips for preparing your home and property from wind damage is to trim the trees located around your house that could potentially become damaging missiles aimed at your house and property. It is also recommended that all objects in your yard that are not fastened to the ground either be brought inside the house or tied down. Other preventive measures that can be taken immediately prior to a windstorm are securing exterior doors and windows by covering them with plywood. Also, wooden dowels can be placed in the track of sliding glass doors to prevent them from opening.

Hailstorms can cause extensive damage to your house, car, and property in a matter of minutes. Hail sizes can range anywhere from pea size to baseball-size. When hail falls, it shows no mercy for anything in its way. It can destroy roofs, cause water damage, and break glass doors. The most recommended advice to protect your home from hail damage is to install a roof made of material that has been given a Class 4 rating from Underwriter's Laboratories. Other preventive measures to minimize damage include cleaning gutters and downspouts, and removing leaves and debris away from drains to allow storm water to flow freely away.

By taking preventive measures to your home and property, damages can be minimized and repair costs reduced.

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