



# Protect your home against storm damage

We know that storms can cause damage to your home so we've got a few tips to help you be prepared.

## Outside the home

- **Roofs** – make sure they're in good condition and look for any loose or damaged tiles. Contact a professional roofer if needed.
- **Guttering, pipes and drains** – are they free from blockages and clear of leaves?
- **Trees** – do any branches need trimming or cutting back?
- **Sheds** – lock away any valuable items like furniture, tools or ornaments.
- **Gardens** – secure any outdoor furniture, ladders, etc.
- **Fences** – check for any damaged, loose or missing panels.



## Inside the home

- **Gas, electric and water** – know how to switch them off if needed.
- **Valuables and important documents (like insurance!)** – keep them safe by locking them away, ideally in a watertight container.
- **Electrical appliances** – unplug non-essentials and store them upstairs if possible.
- **Emergency kit** – it's a good idea to have some essentials ready - like canned food, water, a torch, batteries, first aid kit, blankets, waterproof clothing, insurance details & emergency numbers (council, GP, etc.) - and make sure mobile phones are fully charged.



It's a good idea to stay indoors as much as possible during a storm and not to try and repair anything outside until it's over.

You should also check what's covered by your Home insurance, we don't cover Storm or flood damage to fences or gates, or the removal of fallen trees or branches (unless they've damaged the building itself). If you have Home Emergency cover with us, we'll provide help for unexpected roof problems, like tiles blowing off in a storm.