



4 Important Actions to Take After Damage to your Home



Action #1 – Safety First

Home damage can be shocking and scary. The first thing you should do is ensure you and your family is safe and healthy. Before reviewing the damage of your property, ensure you wear proper protective gear for your hands and feet, and do not remove any potential dangerous materials. Leave that for the professionals!



Action #2 – Contract Your Agent

Get in contact with your agent to report the loss. You may also need to contact the proper law enforcement agency when the act of causing the loss is also a violation of law.



Action #3 – Document All Damage

Use photos and make lists of all damaged possessions and structure damage. If you have access to video, use video with voice-over descriptions of damage. Do not attempt to record roof damage unless you can do so from the ground or have access to a drone camera.



Action #4 – Take Safe Actions to Mitigate Further Damage

BE CAREFUL. If you can safely protect your possessions from additional damage, for example, elevate possessions to tables or shelves from floors, turn off electric power and water, stack furniture, cover damaged windows and doors or employ other simple but effective ways to lessen additional damage. Do not attempt to cover roofs, or perform other dangerous tasks. Wait for professional help.