



Storm and weather protection checklist

1. Are roof and gutter inspections carried out regularly? Particular attention should be paid to cracked roof tiles and loose ridge capping, dislodged flashing, rusted through or loose metal sheeting, rusted through guttering, down pipes and internal water stains.
2. Check that your property has suitable drainage in the event of a heavy downpour. Clear leaf litter and debris from roof gutters, ground level gutters and drains. Install leaf guards to prevent accumulation of leaves in the future.
3. Check the health of trees on your property and trim branches so they are clear of buildings and power lines. Ensure that all dead branches are cut and removed from trees.
4. Where storms are forecast, secure or remove vulnerable aspects of your buildings such as awnings, sails or loose roofing materials.
5. Power surge and lightning protection is very important. Power protection is cheap compared to the cost of electronic equipment. It is worth the effort to take steps to protect your equipment. Fit surge arresters to switchboards and electrical appliances to reduce damage from lightning strikes. Fax machines, copiers, televisions, answering machines, computers and similar items all need surge protection. Please note that damage sustained to equipment as a result of a power surge is generally not covered by insurance unless the power surge was caused by an insured event, such as lightning.