

# How to Stormproof Your Home

No matter where you live in Canada, you've likely experienced weather fluctuation in recent years. With global warming on the rise, our weather patterns are becoming increasingly unpredictable. What may look like a crisp, sunny, and beautiful winter day can turn into the worst storm of the year in seconds. To ensure the safety of your home, preparation is key. From the remediation experts at Paul Davis, here are a few tips and tricks to help you effectively stormproof your house:

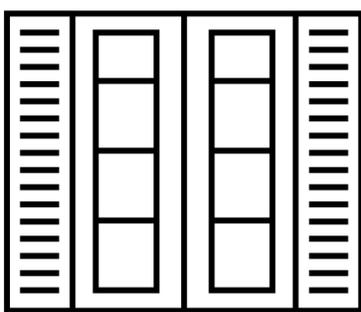


## Check the Roof for Weak

**Areas.** Over time, rain, snow, hail, sleet, and intense sunlight can lead to the deterioration of the roof. Before storm season hits, ensure you give the roof a thorough onceover, paying special attention to areas of obvious weakness, like popped nail heads, missing shingles, and warped or bulging surfaces. In high winds and heavy rain or snow, these weak spots can turn into a dangerous and expensive problem.

## Contact Professional

**Reconstruction Experts.** If you're not sure whether your home is ready for the storm, get in touch with your local reconstruction experts. With proper training and equipment, professionals can give you the peace of mind you need, whether it be with general construction services, carpentry, painting, flooring, roofing, or siding.

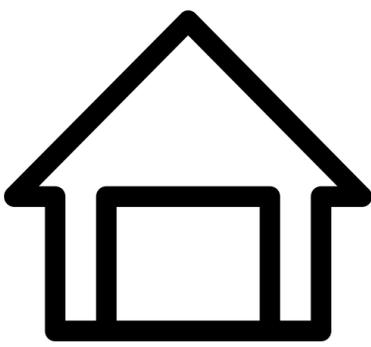
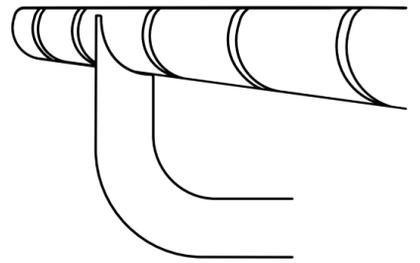


## Consider Installing Storm

**Shutters.** If you live in an old home with brittle single-pane windows, or in an area with little protection from the wind and elements, you may want to consider installing storm shutters to your home's exterior. Old and exposed windows are at risk of being shattered or damaged by wind and debris during a storm. If installing storm shutters isn't an option, consider replacing your windows with double-pane glass.

## Ensure Your Gutter System Is in

**Good Shape.** Gutters can either save or destroy your home during a storm. Inefficient systems can cause major blockages, flooding, and damage to your house and property. As you inspect your gutters, ensure they are securely connected to the downspouts, and won't break and blow away during a storm. To avoid saturating your foundation and flooding your basement, ensure all downspouts are pointed out and away from the home.



## Use Horizontal Braces to Strengthen the Garage Door.

Garage doors—especially older ones—are notorious for blowing away or caving in during a storm. To ensure your garage stays rock-solid, consider adding horizontal braces to the inside of the door.

Storms can erupt out of nowhere and cause devastating damage to your home. The best way to avoid damage, danger, and expenses is by being prepared. If you have experienced storm damage, or need professional advice about how to prepare your home for a storm, get in touch with the experts at Paul Davis today. We look forward to hearing from you.