

7 Summer Home Maintenance Tips

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Did you know that weather-related damage accounts for more than half of all homeowner's insurance claims? Yup, you read that right. Thunderstorms, hail, wind, and rain can all leave you looking at a major repair bill. The worst part about that is the fact that most of these claims are ***totally preventable***. If you ***follow a simple checklist in the Summer and do the right maintenance, you could avoid the damage almost completely***. So, how do you get started on protecting your Utah home?

1. Inspect from the Top Down

Roof inspections and maintenance in Utah are critical for minimizing your damage risks. A small leak in the roof can lead to massive damage to the exterior and interior of your home. That steady drip could run down interior walls, ruin flooring, and destroy your property. ***Our roofing company in Utah can check your roof's condition, patch any weak spots, and recommend a continuing plan to keep your roof healthy and well-maintained.***

2. Look for Yard Hazards

Even if your roof is in great repair, a falling tree can mean a big hole and risks to everyone inside your home. ***Have an experienced tree technician take a look at any dead or diseased trees that could fall or shed large branches during a storm.***

3. Clean and Repair Gutters

Gutters not only funnel water away from your home, they also collect an amazing variety of dirt and debris. A mud dam across a downspout could mean water hitting your eaves or leaking under your foundation. As roofing contractors in SLC we at Vertex Roofing can both inspect your shingles and clean and repair your gutters, keeping the water flowing down to the ground.

4. Check Your Seals and Foundation

Even with newly repaired gutters, a storm that drops a lot of water leaves plenty looking for an entry point. Any cracks in your foundation or weak spots around windows and doors are a place where water can make itself at home. ***Capping off windows and giving your foundation the once over can help protect your home interior.***

5. Tie Down the Furniture

A dead tree is only one flying object that can hit your home. Patio furniture can be just as dangerous. ***Drop any umbrellas*** so they won't lift in the wind, and be sure to ***store lighter furniture inside during the worst of the weather.*** When the sun comes back out, so can the chairs and tables.

6. Locate Your Shut-Offs

In really severe weather, you might need to turn off some of your utilities. The last thing you want to do is stumble around in the dark searching for the water valve. Locate everything ***ahead of time*** and make sure you have an ***emergency kit packed***, just in case. You'll want a flashlight, non-perishable foods that don't require cooking, first aid kit, and a few other essentials.

7. Contract Your SLC, Utah Roofing Contractor

Contact Vertex Roofing in Salt Lake City, Utah today to schedule your inspections and annual gutter cleaning. At Vertex Roofing, we offer ***free estimates*** with your 24-hour Quick Quote service. Our roofing contractors are certified and have ***over 15 years of experience*** with roof inspections, repairs, replacements and new installations in Utah. Give us a call at 801-441-0379 today to ask about our warranties and financing.