



WHATEVER THE WEATHER

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ARE YOU PREPARED IN CASE OF STORMS?

If heavy winds and rain are on the cards, it can be prudent to make preparations to limit damage to your home, not to mention help protect you and your loved ones. We've put together a few handy hints that could save you money, as well as worry, keeping you safe and sound in a storm.

- Monitor local weather reports so you can make sure you're prepared for when a storm might hit
- Clear out your gutters and drains to ensure rain and melting snow can flow freely away from your home
- If you have an open or wood burning fire, make sure the chimney and flues are clear, sweeping out the soot and other potentially dangerous build-up
- Repair any loose roof-tiles to ensure no further damage affects your house during the storm. Never attempt to repair damage during a storm.
- Secure loose items such as ladders, bins or trampolines and check garages and gates are locked shut to prevent costly damage
- Stock up on first aid in case of injury or illness. Plasters, bandages, medication and some warm blankets are essential to keeping healthy.
- Make sure you have plenty of food and water so you won't have to venture out in case of severe weather. Don't forget food for your furry friends too!
- Ensure you have emergency lighting to hand, be it torches or candles and dry matches
- Be prepared for power cuts. Keep your phone fully charged and a wind-up radio to hand so you can keep in contact and stay up-to-date should the power go off.
- Know who to contact should you need help
- Try to avoid travelling or going outdoors during periods of very high winds to minimise the risk of being hit by flying debris, falling trees, collapsing walls or simply being blown off your feet. If you do need to travel, drive slower than normal, particularly in high-sided vehicles or if you are towing.

If you are unsure about carrying out any of these checks then please consult an appropriate and trusted tradesperson.