

Hurricane preparedness is a way of life this time of year in the coastal Carolinas. NOAA is predicting an above average year and it is never too early to be ready. The following items can help you prepare for an active hurricane season.

Roof Investigation Before and After A Storm:

A thorough inspection of your roof before a storm will help you identify any potential problems before they become more severe in a storm. Check your roof for loose debris, damaged or missing roofing or flashings, etc. Any problems that are identified can be repaired before a storm in which they will become more vulnerable and the problem much more severe.

A post storm event inspection is equally as important. Much of the lower level damage done during a storm goes undetected over long periods of time without a thorough inspection. This can quickly turn a minor roofing issue into substantial structural or aesthetic repairs.

Roof Drainage:

Be sure that your gutters and downspouts are clear of debris, and that your downspouts direct water sufficiently away from your foundation. Pine straw and other debris backs up gutters and allows water infiltration into the soffits of your home. The high volume of water associated with tropical systems magnifies this concern greatly.

Checklist: Things to look for on low slope roof systems

- _____ - Check for loose organic and non-organic debris
- _____ - Check all curb flashings and penetrations
- _____ - Check all wall flashings
- _____ - Check to ensure the coping is secure
- _____ - If there are walkpads on your roof check to ensure they are secure
- _____ - Check all pitch pockets, and top-off if necessary
- _____ - Make sure all gutters and downspouts are clear of debris and secure
- _____ - Check skylights to ensure structural and water-tight integrity
- _____ - Eliminate Abandoned roof top units
- _____ - Make sure you have proper drainage of the roof surface

This probably seems like a lot of information to consider. We are here to help make the preparation process easier. Call us today (910) 371-1400 to schedule an inspection service call, you will rest easier knowing you are better prepared.

