



HOMEOWNER GUIDE

Storm Damage: What To Check, What It **Means**, And How To Get Help

A plain spoken guide for homeowners across Lake, Porter County, and the Winfield area, from a contractor who shows up himself.



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WELCOME

A Note From Angelo

After watching this summer's storms tear through Lake, Porter County, and the Winfield area, I put this guide together for one simple reason: so you know exactly what to look for on your own home before small damage turns into a bigger problem.

I'm Angelo Saia, owner and operator of Saia & Sons Restoration. I've spent years repairing roofs, siding, and gutters across Northwest Indiana, and I show up to every job myself, not a sales rep, not a call center.

This guide walks through the signs of storm damage on your roof, siding, and gutters, why hidden damage matters more than it looks, and how my process works if you ever need help. There's no pressure in here, just information you can use, whether you call me or not.

If you find something that concerns you, I'm always happy to take a look.

Angelo Saia

Owner & Operator, Saia & Sons Restoration

ROOF

Signs Of Roof Damage

1

Missing Or Cracked Shingles

Wind can lift, crack, or fully remove shingles, leaving the roof deck exposed to water.

2

Granules Collecting In The Gutter

Hail and heavy wind knock protective granules loose. A buildup in your gutters is often the first sign something happened.

3

Punctures Or Soft Spots

Falling limbs and wind-driven debris can puncture the roof surface or soften the decking underneath it.

4

Exposed Nails Or Flashing

Wind can lift shingles just enough to expose nail heads and the flashing around chimneys and vents.

5

Ridge Cap Damage

The ridge line takes the brunt of high wind and is often the first place shingles fail or lift.

6

Ceiling Stains Or Leaks

Water stains, drips, or a musty smell inside the home usually trace back to roof damage from an earlier storm.

Signs Of Siding And Gutter Damage

1

Cracked Or Dented Siding

Hail and wind-blown debris can crack, chip, or dent vinyl, aluminum, and cement board siding panels.

2

Gutters Pulled Away From The House

High wind can loosen or rip gutters from their mounting points along the fascia.

3

Dented Or Bent Downspouts

Falling debris and impacts are the most common cause, and they can block proper water flow.

4

Missing Gutter Aprons

This small flashing piece directs water into the gutter. It is easy to lose in high wind and easy to miss from the ground.

5

Small Impact Marks Or Paint Chips

Dings on siding, window trim, and downspouts are a reliable sign that hail hit your home, even when the damage looks minor.

WHY IT MATTERS

Don't Ignore The Damage You Can't See

Storm damage rarely announces itself right away. Wind driven rain finds its way through the smallest gaps, and a cracked shingle or a small puncture from a broken limb often looks minor from the ground. Left alone, that small opening can let water into your decking, insulation, and ceiling over time.

By the time a leak shows up inside the house, the damage has usually been building for weeks or months. A small repair today is almost always cheaper, and less disruptive, than a ceiling repair or a mold problem later.

A note on insurance. Most policies expect storm damage to be reported within a reasonable time after the event. If you notice anything unusual after a storm, contact your insurance agent and get it documented. I provide clear photo documentation with every inspection, which many of my customers use directly for their claim.

OUR PROCESS

What Happens When You Call

1

Free Inspection

I personally check your roof, siding, and gutters for storm damage. No cost, no obligation.

2

Photo Documentation

You get clear photos of anything I find, useful for your own records or an insurance claim.

3

Insurance Coordination

If you're filing a claim, I can meet your adjuster on site and speak the same language they do.

4

Honest Recommendation

I'll tell you plainly whether you need a repair, a full replacement, or nothing at all.

5

Quality Workmanship

Every job is completed to GAF Certified Plus standards, whether it's a full roof or a single gutter run.

6

Final Walkthrough

I walk the finished work with you before I consider the job done, not before.

QUESTIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I know if I need a repair or a full replacement?

It depends on the extent and age of the damage. During your free inspection, I'll explain exactly what I see and give you a straight recommendation, not the most expensive option by default.

Will my insurance cover this?

Most wind and hail damage claims are covered under a standard homeowner's policy, but coverage depends on your specific policy. I can walk the property with your adjuster and provide documentation to support your claim.

How long does a project take?

Most roof replacements are completed in a single day. Siding and gutter projects vary by size, and I'll give you a clear timeline before work begins.

What makes Saia & Sons different?

I'm the owner, and I'm the one who shows up. You're not handed off to a project manager you've never met. I use a trusted subcontractor labor model, but I remain personally accountable for every job.

Are you certified?

Yes. Saia & Sons is a GAF Certified Plus contractor, and I'm working toward James Hardie Alliance certification for siding.

ABOUT US

Saia & Sons Restoration

GAF Certified Plus

Owner Operated

Personal Service, Every Job

Saia & Sons Restoration is owned and operated by Angelo Saia. As a sole owner operator, I'm personally involved in every inspection, every estimate, and every project across Lake, Porter County, and the Winfield area.

GAF Certified Plus

This certification is held by a limited group of roofing contractors who meet manufacturer standards for training, service, and workmanship, and it allows access to enhanced manufacturer warranties for our customers.

The Saia Foundation

Saia & Sons donates 3% of revenue through the Saia Foundation to help veterans, first responders, seniors, and working families afford exterior repairs they might not otherwise be able to make.

Services

Roofing, siding, gutters, and storm damage restoration, including insurance claim coordination from inspection through final walkthrough.

READY WHEN YOU ARE

Get Your Free Storm Damage Inspection

No cost. No pressure. Just an honest look at your roof, siding, and gutters from the owner who does the work.

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