



## **Elevated Roofing Issues Post-Storm Roof Documentation Reminders**

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Elevated Roofing Inc. is issuing post-storm roof documentation reminders for homeowners in Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin after recent rounds of thunderstorms showed how quickly roof conditions can change after severe weather.

The National Weather Service Quad Cities reported several rounds of thunderstorms during the week of September 14, 2026, with the heaviest and most widespread rainfall occurring late September 19 into September 20. Rainfall reports included 2.83 inches near Galena and 3.62 inches in Lena. Repeated rain can shorten the window for homeowners to photograph visible roof conditions, arrange temporary protection once conditions are safe, and contact a trusted local licensed roofer before schedules fill after widespread storm activity.

Storm response often moves quickly after hail, high winds, tornado warnings, or heavy rain. Cleanup, emergency tarping, roof inspections, insurance calls, and temporary repairs may begin before the roof's

condition has been clearly preserved. Once debris is moved, water is controlled, shingles are covered, or repairs begin, important details can become harder to verify.

“The best record is usually created before cleanup or temporary work changes what can be seen,” said Matthew Acevedo, owner of Elevated Roofing Inc. “Safety comes first, but when conditions are safe, photos, videos, dates, and written notes can give homeowners, contractors, and adjusters a clearer starting point.”

Storm-related roof concerns can include missing or lifted shingles, damaged flashing, dented vents, displaced ridge materials, roof penetrations, fallen branches, attic moisture, and interior water stains. Some damage is visible immediately. Other conditions may appear later as leaks develop or moisture reaches the interior.

The roofer said useful post-storm photos should show both context and detail. Wide images from the ground can show the affected roof area and surrounding debris. Closer images may help show missing shingles, dented metal, damaged vents, leak locations, attic staining, or ceiling stains when those photos can be taken safely. Notes should include the approximate date and time of the storm, what type of weather occurred, and when the damage was first discovered.

Acevedo cautioned that homeowners should not climb wet, steep, damaged, or unstable roofs to gather photos. They should also avoid downed power lines, broken limbs, standing water, active leaks near electrical fixtures, and unsafe attic areas. When roof access is risky, ground-level photos, interior photos, and a professional inspection are safer options.

Crews provide emergency tarping after the storm stops and conditions allow work to be performed safely. Homeowners should not delay necessary temporary protection when water is entering the home, but they should photograph affected areas before and after temporary work whenever possible. Receipts, invoices, repair estimates, and contractor communications should also be saved.

“A contractor should be able to show what was observed, where it was found, and why a repair or replacement recommendation is being made,” Acevedo said. “That is different from promising what an insurance carrier will decide. Good records support a clearer review, but they do not guarantee a claim outcome.”

The contractor cautioned homeowners to be wary of anyone who promises claim approval or presents an insurance result as guaranteed. Claim decisions belong to the insurance carrier. A roofer’s role is to inspect the roof, document visible conditions, explain repair or replacement scope, and provide accurate information based on the findings.

Written records can also help clarify later questions involving storm damage, workmanship, material

performance, maintenance, or existing roof conditions. Elevated Roofing recently published additional guidance on warranty responsibilities and continues to provide storm damage roofing support for homeowners reviewing roof concerns after severe weather.

Elevated Roofing Inc. is a residential roofing contractor serving homeowners in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, and nearby communities. The contractor focuses on roof replacement, roof repair, storm damage roofing, emergency tarping, inspections, and written project communication for homeowners.

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