

LEWIS COUNTY CHAPTER OF OLYMPIA MASTER BUILDERS



Tips to Prep Your Home for Spring Storms



After spending a significant amount of time at home during the winter months, spring is a refreshing change of pace. But the change in seasons also ushers in changing weather patterns.

Storm activity can place your family and home at risk if you're not prepared. You can take several easy steps to reduce the amount of damage to your home and keep your family safe before the next seasonal storm.

Clean Gutters and Downspouts

A sunny spring day is an ideal time to make sure debris from winter weather is cleared from your gutters. While gutters are usually not

top of mind for homeowners, they play an essential role in controlling the flow of water around your home. If your gutters are not clear, you run the risk of water ruining your home's foundation, eventually leading to a costly repair.

Trim Trees and Secure Fencing

Another outdoor activity to prep your home for pending storms is tending to the trees on your property. Dead or weak branches can fall on your home and damage your roof or break windows and doors. An arborist can trim trees that need attention. Loose posts or boards on fences are susceptible to high winds. Repairing or reinforcing

your fence can help prevent the fence from turning into a flying object during a storm.

Inspect Your Roof

Significant water damage to the interior of your home due to a faulty roof can lead to costly restoration and renovation. You or a professional roofer can perform a visual inspection to determine the current condition of your roof. Look for signs of deterioration, such as loose, cracked or broken shingles or exposed nails.

Store Outdoor Accessories

Furniture, toys, gardening tools and trash cans are

everyday items found in backyards and patios. When the weather takes a turn, gusty winds can swoop up and hurl untethered objects, potentially damaging your home or homes around you. When the threat of severe weather approaches, take time to bring unsecured items inside your home or store them in your garage. Don't forget to lock and secure your garage doors; high winds can fling them open.

Gather Emergency Supplies

Storms can lead to power outages and other disruptions, so it is essential to have enough food, water, and supplies on hand for several days. A disaster

supplies kit should include water, non-perishable food, hand sanitizer/disinfecting wipes, a flashlight, first aid kit and backup chargers for cell phones. A complete and printable checklist of supplies for emergency kits is available at ready.gov/kit.

If your home sustains significant damage after a storm this year, beware of unscrupulous contractors. Before you hire a contractor, make sure the firm has a permanent business address and references available. Visit omb.org for our online searchable directory of reputable Lewis County contractors in the area. For more information about preparing your home before disaster strikes, visit omb.org!

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LEWIS COUNTY CHAPTER MEETING

Please join us for the next OMB Lewis County Chapter meeting on May 19th at 6:00pm at the Chehalis Moose Lodge in Centralia.

The safety of our members is our first priority, along with making sure that we respect the Moose Lodge and the safety protocols they have in place. We ask that you practice COVID-19 safety measures while attending this event. This includes keeping 6 feet of distance from individuals, and wearing a mask when not eating and drinking.

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