

# How to Deal with a Roofing Insurance Claim?

Dealing with a roofing insurance claim can be a bit complex, but following a systematic approach can help you navigate the process smoothly. Here's a step-by-step guide:

#### 1. Assessment and Documentation:

- Inspect the Damage: Assess the extent of the damage to your roof caused by incidents like storms, hail, or leaks.
- Document the Damage: Take clear photos and videos of the damage from various angles. This documentation will be crucial for your insurance claim.

# 2. Review Your Policy:

 Understand Coverage: Review your insurance policy to understand the extent of coverage for roof damage. Note any deductibles, limitations, or exclusions that may apply.

## 3. Contact Your Insurance Company:

- Prompt Notification: Notify your insurance company about the <u>roof damage</u> as soon as possible. Some policies have specific time limits for reporting claims.
- Provide Information: Be ready to provide details about th



e damage, when it occurred, and any initial repairs you may have done to prevent further damage.

# 4. Schedule an Adjuster Inspection:

- Insurance Adjuster: Your insurance company will likely assign an adjuster to assess the damage. Schedule a time for them to inspect your roof.
- Present Documentation: During the inspection, provide the photos, videos, and any other documentation you've collected. Walk the adjuster through the damage.

# 5. Obtain Repair Estimates:

- Get Multiple Estimates: Obtain estimates from reputable roofing contractors for the repair or replacement work required.
- Share Estimates: Share these estimates with your insurance adjuster to ensure they align with their assessment.

# 6. Claim Approval and Pay-out:

- Approval Process: Your insurance company will review the adjuster's report and the repair estimates. They'll determine the amount they'll cover based on your policy terms.
- Pay-out: Once the claim is approved, your insurance company will issue a pay-out.
   This pay-out may be in one or multiple instalments.

#### 7. Choose a Contractor:

 Contractor Selection: Select a licensed and experienced roofing contractor to carry out the repair or replacement work. Check if your insurance has any requirements for contractor choice.

# 8. Start Repairs:

 Coordinate with Contractor: Work closely with the chosen contractor to schedule the repairs. Ensure they follow local building codes and regulations.

## 9. Document the Process:

Record Progress: Keep a record of the repair process with photos and notes. This
documentation can be useful if there are any disputes.

#### 10. Final Inspection and Payment:

- Completion Inspection: Once the repairs are complete, conduct a thorough inspection with your contractor to ensure the work meets your satisfaction.
- Final Payment: If your insurance pay-out was issued in instalments, the final payment is typically released after you provide proof that the repairs were completed.

Remember that the specifics of the process might vary based on your insurance company, policy, and local regulations. It's also recommended to consult with professionals, such as roofing contractors and legal advisors, if you encounter any challenges during the claims process.