SEVERE WIND

WHAT DO I DO AFTER THE WINDSTORM?

THE STORM HAS PASSED, BUT THE REAL WORK IS JUST BEGINNING.

ServiceMaster Restore is ready to help restore your property and your peace of mind. To begin recovering from a severe wind event, follow these recommendations.

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Should your home or business be affected by a severe windstorm or derecho, the first steps you take can make a big difference. Here are helpful tips for what to do — and what not to do — immediately after the storm has caused damage to your property.

WHAT TO DO

- Seek assistance from a certified storm damage restoration professional. Even minor roof or siding damage can lead to hidden water intrusion or structural weakening.
- Photograph visible damage to structures, vehicles, and personal belongings for insurance documentation.
- Cover broken windows or roof openings with tarps or plywood if safe to do so.
- Clear walkways of small, manageable debris to prevent injury.
- If power is out, unplug sensitive electronics and turn off the main breaker if water has entered.
- Keep receipts for temporary repairs and emergency expenses — these may be reimbursed.

WHAT NOT TO DO

- Do not enter your home or building if there is visible structural damage or if you smell gas.
- Avoid stepping near or handling downed power lines — always assume they are live.
- Do not attempt to climb onto the roof or remove heavy tree limbs yourself.
- Avoid using candles or open flames during a power outage — fire risk is elevated.
- Do not delay contacting your insurance provider or restoration professional. Hidden damage can worsen quickly.