

The Wind Storm Protector™

Description

Everyone knows it gets windy in Newfoundland & Labrador. What isn't as well known is that there are things you can do to reduce and prevent windstorm losses, reducing the expense associated with deductibles, the inconvenience of damage while helping protect your most valuable asset.

Check on Your Roof

- Make sure shingles** are well attached? Are there signs of curling at the edges?
- Check all** connections between roofs and walls are tight to avoid sections being peeled off by winds.
- Check that all skylights**, chimneys, pipes and vents are securely attached and won't be blown off.
- Gutters and Downspouts** are well connected and angled away from your home.

Walls and Doors.

- Is the building well sealed** to avoid wind from getting into cracks and crevices and causing interior damage?
- Check all siding and windows** to ensure they are tightly attached.
- Overhead Garage Doors** should be able to withstand high winds and be braced sufficiently.

Outdoor Areas

- Storage sheds and outbuildings** should be securely anchored.
- Make sure outdoor** lighting fixtures and fencing are secured. Strong Winds can pick up items such as trash receptacles and turn them into missiles
- Are there large shrubs or trees** close to your home? Make sure they are healthy and well pruned to avoid ending up with a large limb or a tree in your living room.

Vehicles

- If you have garage-** use it. Store vehicles inside where possible.
- If you must park your vehicle outside** be on the lookout for things that can cause damage such as branches, lampposts, limbs and power lines.