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The 5-Minute Post-Storm Self-Inspection Checklist

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Did a storm just hit? Use this checklist to spot hidden signs of roof damage safely from the ground.

WARNING: Do NOT climb on your roof. Roofs are slippery and dangerous after a storm.

PART 1: The Ground Inspection (Walk around your yard)

- **Shingle Debris:** Do you see pieces of shingles (or entire shingles) in the yard or bushes?
- **The "Black Sand" Test:** Check the bottom of your downspouts. Do you see piles of black grit? *(This is the protective granule coating washing off your shingles—a major sign of hail damage).*
- **Soft Metal Dents:** Check your mailbox, AC unit condenser fins, and window screens. *(If these soft metals are dented, your roof vents are likely damaged too).*
- **Fence Damage:** Look for fresh impact marks or discoloration on your wood fence.

PART 2: The Roof Visual (Look up from the driveway)

- **The "Zipper" Effect:** Do you see a row of shingles that looks peeled back or lifted?
- **Dark Spots:** Do you see random black circles or "bruises" on the shingles?
- **Shiny Areas:** Do some parts of the roof look shiny or exposed? *(This means the fiberglass mat is exposed).*
- **Dented Vents:** Look at the metal turtle vents or pipe jacks on top. Do they look hammered or misshapen?

PART 3: The Interior (Check your ceilings)

- **Attic Sunlight:** Go into your attic during the day and turn off the lights. Do you see pinholes of sunlight coming through the decking?
 - **Water Stains:** Look for yellow or brown rings on your drywall ceilings, especially near corners, fireplaces, or light fixtures.
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THE VERDICT

If you checked even ONE box above, you likely have valid storm damage.

⚠ STOP! Do NOT file a claim yet. Filing a claim that gets denied counts against your insurance record as a "Zero Pay" claim. You need a professional opinion first.

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