

Denver Hail Season is Here: 3 Ways to Prepare Your Roof This May

If you've lived in Denver long enough, you already know what late spring means. The days get longer, the mountains look incredible, and at some point, the sky turns that particular shade of green that makes you want to move your car into the garage. Hail season is coming, and your roof is the first thing in its path.

Most homeowners assume hail season and storm season are the same thing, but Colorado actually has a pretty defined window when hail gets serious. June and July are historically the worst months along the Front Range, with golf ball sized storms rolling through neighborhoods from Highlands Ranch to Wheat Ridge with very little warning. May is the ramp-up period. Things are already getting active, but you still have a real opportunity to get ahead of the damage before it happens.

Here are three things worth doing right now.

1. Get a Pre-Season Roof Inspection

This is the one most homeowners skip, and it is genuinely the most important. A roof inspection before hail season is not just about finding existing damage. It is about understanding what your roof can and cannot handle going into the worst two months of the Colorado weather calendar.

When we inspect a roof in May, we are looking at the granule coverage on your shingles, checking for any lifting or loose flashing around your chimney and vents, and assessing whether previous storm damage was ever properly addressed. Denver had multiple significant hail events in 2024 and 2025, and a lot of that damage got patched or went

unnoticed entirely. What looks fine from the ground can be a serious liability once a new storm rolls through.

Getting an inspection now also matters for your insurance situation. If you have pre-existing damage and a new storm hits, your claim gets complicated fast. Documenting the current condition of your roof before peak season protects you.

2. Clean Your Gutters and Check Your Drainage

Hail does not arrive alone. It comes with rain, sometimes a lot of it, in a very short period of time. If your gutters are packed with debris from the fall and winter, that water has nowhere to go except back toward your fascia boards, your soffits, and eventually your interior.

We see this every single summer. A homeowner files a hail damage claim, the adjuster comes out, and during the inspection everyone notices the gutters are overflowing and there is rot along the roofline that predates the storm. That changes the scope of the claim. Cleaning your gutters in May takes about two hours and saves you that headache entirely.

3. Know What Your Insurance Policy Actually Covers

Colorado homeowners insurance and hail is a complicated relationship. Over the last several years, a lot of carriers have moved to ACV (actual cash value) policies for roofing rather than replacement cost coverage, and many homeowners do not realize this until they are filing a claim. Pull your policy out and look at the roofing section before you need it.

If you are not sure what you are looking at, a reputable roofing contractor can walk through a claim with you or point you toward a public adjuster. The goal is to make sure you are not caught off guard when a June storm turns your shingles into gravel.

Denver hail is not something you can prevent. But the difference between a manageable repair and a full replacement often comes down to what you did in May.