



Post-Storm Gutter Checklist

A 1-page guide to inspect your gutters safely after heavy weather. Includes embedded metadata and quick links for SEO & usability.

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Safety First

- Use a stable ladder on level ground; have a spotter.
- Wear gloves and eye protection; debris can hide sharp fasteners.
- Avoid climbing when surfaces are wet or it's windy. If unsure, call a pro.

Tools You'll Need

Gloves, bucket/trash bag, plastic scoop, garden hose with spray nozzle, cordless drill/driver, gutter screws/hangers, exterior-grade sealant, plumber's tape, small level, phone/camera.

15-Point Post-Storm Gutter Checklist

- Ground scan: look for overflow streaks, mulch washouts, and soil erosion under eaves.
- Downspout discharge: ensure each outlet carries water 4–6 ft away from the foundation.
- Clogs at outlets: clear leaves/twigs from strainers and outlet funnels.
- Standing water: after flushing, note any puddling (signals poor slope/sagging).
- Sagging runs: tighten or replace hangers (aim for 24–36" spacing).
- Loose fasteners: replace popped spikes with gutter screws for better bite.
- Leaky seams & end caps: dry thoroughly and reseal with exterior gutter sealant.
- Cracks or splits: seal hairline splits; replace sections with major damage.

- Fascia & soffit: check for staining, softness, or peeling paint (rot risk).
- Rust, pitting, or paint blistering: sand/prime light rust; replace if extensive.
- Downspout dents & separations: realign elbows; re-rivet or screw loose joints.
- Elbows/underground drains: hose test—if backup occurs, snake or disconnect and clear.
- Gutter guards: lift a panel; remove trapped grit/needles and reseal securely.
- Roof edge above gutter: look for missing tabs or heavy granule loss feeding debris.
- Final water test: flush each 20–30 ft run; watch for leaks, slow flow, or overflow.

Quick Diagnostics (Symptom → Cause → Fast Fix)

Symptom	Likely Cause	Fast Fix
Overflow during rain	Clog at outlet / undersized downspout	Clear debris; consider larger downspout
Water sitting in gutter	Sagging or poor slope	Add hangers; re-pitch run
Drips at corners	Failed seam sealant	Clean/dry and reseal seam
Soil erosion at eaves	Chronic overflow	Clean; extend or upsize downspout
Stained/soft fascia	Backflow into eave	Fix slope; re-seal back edge
Downspout separation	Loose screws or impact	Re-fasten; add strap

Pro tip: If water can't leave the gutter, it will find a way into your house.

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