

Intense Wind Gusts Take Down Trees

All across the Midwest, storms came and wreaked havoc. Michigan's Lower Peninsula saw plenty of damage from the storms, and multiple power lines and trees fell down. This led to power outages occurring, which generally lasted for anywhere between 4-24 hours. The falling trees were partly responsible for this, as many fell on top of powerlines. As a result, electricians worked extra hard to clear all of the debris and to restore electricity for the many homes without power, often working long hours to get the task done.

House Fire Starts From Storm Aftermath

A fire started on Friday from the damage the storm caused. After a tree fell onto a house, it took the electrical lines with it. This led to a situation where the sparks from the damaged power line fell onto the tree. As a result, the fire quickly spread to the roof of the house, where the tree landed. Luckily, the homeowners were away, and after the tree fell onto the house, the neighbors immediately called emergency services. Firefighters were deployed and managed to put out the fire before it further damaged the house.

According to *LoPriore Insurance Agency's* article titled *A Tree Falls On A House: What To Expect From Your Insurance Company*, "Things like high winds, lightning, and heavy rain are common culprits that can cause a tree to fall on your house. Knowing what to do ahead of time is essential to help protect your family and help mitigate damage to your home." There are many steps to follow in case of this event, and the first step is to **Immediately Evacuate the House**. If anyone is inside, it could be dangerous for them to remain there, as you don't know if something like a fire will escalate. Secondly, it's important to **Call 911** and to get the proper emergency services to the scene, whether that's the firefighters, police officers to block the road, or even the electrical company to help secure the power lines. Next, you would need to **Contact Your Insurance Company** to figure out what is expected of both you and the company. It's important to know how much your insurance will cover based on your own specific policy. Then you need to **Find a Trustworthy Roofing Contractor**. If the integrity of your roof is in danger, it's important to have someone to help fix this and prevent further damage to your house. Finally **Make Sure to Secure Your Home**. This means figuring out if the house is in good enough condition to live in after all of the debris has been cleared. If not, find somewhere to stay and secure anything valuable that you may need.