# DAMAGE FROM HURRICANE 1042

#### DO'S AND DON'TS OF MAKING A HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE CLAIM

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## CALL YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY.

- it's really that simple
- have your policy number ready
- have a pen and paper handy
- tell them you want to make a claim
- write down your claim number





### WHAT TO SAY?

- not much, you don't need to yet
- ask how to upload claim information
- ask for an advance for hotel, rental, gas, food, etc.
- make sure they have your email and cell number

#### WHAT NOT TO SAY?

"The damage isn't that bad."

"I'm sure we'll be fine."

"I think \_\_\_\_ caused it"

YOU AREN'T AN EXPERT. DON'T EXAGGERATE OR UNDERESTIMATE YOUR DAMAGES.

TELL IT LIKE IT IS WITH NO FLUFF AND NO GUESSING.

#### WHAT CAN I DO?

- start assessing damages
- track every cent you spend
- make lists of damaged items
- take pics & vids before you start cleaning, repairing, or throwing things away





#### MITIGATING DAMAGES

### YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION UNDER YOUR POLICY TO DO SOMETHING CALLED "MITIGATING DAMAGES"

This means that anything you can save, fix, or stop from causing further damage, you need to do. If you don't have the money to do this, tell your adjuster so they can pay for it.

#### WHAT NEXT?

- give all the lists, expenses, pics, videos, etc. to your insurer
- wait for the insurer to send someone to adjust your damages
- see what the insurer offers you



### WHAT IF THEY DENY PART OR ALL OF MY CLAIM?

## WHAT IF THEY DON'T PAY ME FOR ALL MY REPAIRS AND OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES?

Now is the time to strongly consider retaining a lawyer! Lawyers can often get insurers to pay more than a homeowner would typically get on their own.

# THE INSURANCE COVERAGE LAWYERS AT JJC LAW ARE EXPERIENCED IN FIGHTING FOR COVERAGE AND HIGHER PAYMENTS FROM HOMEOWNER INSURANCE COMPANIES.

- Email your insurance policy to info@jjclaw.com with a brief description of your property damage and we'll contact you within 24 hours with a free coverage analysis.
- JJC can also help make your claim if you want help now.

REMEMBER, THE INSURANCE
ATTORNEYS AT JJC LAW HAVE BEEN
BATTLING WITH INSURANCE
COMPANIES FOR MANY YEARS.

OUR PEOPLE WERE EQUALLY IMPACTED BY HURRICANE IDA.

AS WE FIGHT FOR WHAT WE DESERVE,
LET US FIGHT FOR YOU TO MAKE SURE
YOU GET WHAT YOU DESERVE.

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