

Severe wind

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The number of tornadoes that touched down in Ontario on August 20, 2009, a Canadian record. Up to 600 homes were damaged.

Canada experiences all types of extreme wind events, from regular flat line winds and microbursts to tornadoes and hurricanes. The following provides info on key areas that may require attention in order to reduce the risk of wind damage to your home.

If you have a gable roof, check to see if it is properly braced.

Make sure connections between columns and porches or overhangs are adequately secured.

Make sure exterior cladding (siding and roofing) is rated for severe winds.

Purchase shutters to protect windows from airborne debris.

Ridge vents and soffits should be tightly connected to the roof.

If you have a double door, install a heavy-duty bolt, or slide bolts at the top and bottom of the inactive door.

Securely anchor any outdoor accessories. For example, air conditioners or utility sheds.

Doors should be pressure and impact rated.

Check your garage door to see if it is pressure rated.

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