

# UNDERSTANDING THE INSURANCE CLAIM PROCESS

Your Guide to Accessing the Funds Needed to Repair Your Home



# **HELPING YOU ACCESS** YOUR INSURANCE FUNDS

We know life can be stressful after a home has sustained damage. We also know you need your funds quickly so you can begin repairs. At Union Home Mortgage, we're here to help smoothly navigate the insurance claim process.

This guide provides the necessary insurance claim check documents to help you access the funds you need to repair the damage to your home.

Based on the amount of your claim, there are different procedures and documents needed to release your funds. You can find the total claim amount on the insurance claim report that you should receive from your insurance adjuster.

For your convenience, you can jump directly to the information that applies to your situation by clicking on one of the buttons to the left.

Also know that we're available by phone or email to answer any questions that might come up:



1.800.441.3456



InsuranceClaims@uhm.com



## **GETTING YOUR CHECK TO US**

After you file a claim and your insurance company determines a settlement amount, they'll send you an insurance claim check (also called a "loss draft") that will include your name and Union Home Mortgage as payees. You'll need to mail the check to us.

#### Why is Union Home Mortgage Listed on my Insurance Check?

You might be wondering why UHM is also listed as a payee on your insurance check. It's because we have a financial interest in your property and because we are listed on your homeowner's insurance policy as the lienholder. Our responsibility is to ensure your property is repaired and restored to its original or higher value.



## WHERE TO MAIL YOUR CHECK

In order to receive your funds from that check and to help make the process smoother and faster, please ensure all submitted insurance claim check documents are completed and have been signed by all parties.

Mail your insurance claim check for us to endorse to:

Union Home Mortgage 5942 Renaissance Place Toledo, OH 43623

We'll endorse your check and mail it back to you. Turnaround time is 3-5 business days. Checks will be mailed back via regular mail unless a pre-paid return label is provided.



# **CLAIMS \$20,000 OR LESS**

If you have an insurance claim for \$20,000 or less and your account is in good standing, we won't need to monitor the repair progress. These types of claims are called "non-monitored" claims.

Note: If you have a public adjuster or any other retained third party, fees for their services are prohibited from being paid from the insurance claim funds.

#### Step 1:

Provide us with the information in the Insurance Claim Document Checklist and we'll endorse and return the check to you.

#### Step 2:

Endorse and deposit the check. You'll be responsible for ensuring that the repairs are made to your home.

#### Insurance Claim Document Checklist (for Claims \$20,000 Or Less):

**Customer Contact Form** 

Claim Check from the Insurance Company. Be sure to write your loan number on the check! Insurance Adjusters Report

Repair Certification

#### **Questions?**



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# CLAIMS GREATER THAN \$20,000 & LESS THAN \$40,000

If you have an insurance claim that is greater than \$20,000 and less than \$40,000 and your account is in good standing, we are required to hold your insurance proceeds and disburse them to you as repairs are completed on your home. This is known as an "express-monitored" claim.

Note: If you have a public adjuster or any other retained third party, fees for their services are prohibited from being paid from the insurance claim funds.

#### Step 1:

Submit all documents required in the Insurance Claim Document Checklist below. After we receive your documents, we will disburse 90% of the insurance proceeds received.

#### Step 2:

Submit pictures showing the repairs are 95-100% complete. After we receive your pictures, we will disburse the final 10% of the insurance proceeds.

Insurance Claim Document Checklist (For Claims Above \$20,000 & Less Than \$40,000):

**Customer Contact Form** 

Claim Check from the Insurance Company. The check must be endorsed by all parties prior to mailing it and be sure to write your loan number on it.

Insurance Adjusters Report

Repair Certification

#### **Questions?**

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# **CLAIMS GREATER THAN \$40,000**

If you have an insurance claim that is greater than \$40,000 and your account is in good standing, we are required to hold your insurance proceeds and disburse them to you as repairs are completed on your home. This is known as a "monitored" claim. You Are Also Required to Use A Contractor For Claims Greater Than \$40,000.

All documents listed in the Insurance Claim Document Checklist below are required for us to begin processing your claim. We may disburse funds while repairs are being made or only at the completion of the repairs, depending on the extent of the repair work. We will require proof of completion of repairs performed before we will disburse funds, which may occur several times for larger repair projects.

Note: If you have a public adjuster or any other retained third party, fees for their services are prohibited from being paid from the insurance claim funds.

#### Step 1:

Submit all the documents required in the Insurance Claim Document Checklist below. After we receive your documents, we will disburse approximately 1/3 of the insurance proceeds received (up to \$40,000 or 33% of the insurance proceeds received, whichever is greater).

#### Step 2:

Submit inspections and/or pictures showing that the repairs are 50% or more complete. After receipt we will disburse insurance proceeds up to the percentage of completion.

#### Step 3:

Submit the final inspection results showing that the repairs are 95-100% complete. After receipt, we will disburse the remaining insurance proceeds.

Insurance Claim Document Checklist (For Claims Above \$20,000 & Less Than \$40,000):

**Customer Contact Form** 

Claim Check from the Insurance Company. The check must be endorsed by all parties prior to mailing it and be sure to write your loan number on it.

Insurance Adjusters Report

Repair Certification

Signed Contract with Contractor

#### Optional:

Third Party Authorization to Speak With Contractor Conditional Waiver of Lien Signed By Contractor



### **PAST DUE LOAN**

If your loan is past due (delinquent) and the net claim amount is above \$5,000, there are additional requirements to follow. All documents listed in the Insurance Claim Document Checklist below are required for us to begin processing your claim. Note: If you have a public adjuster or any other retained third party, fees for their services are prohibited from being paid from the insurance claim funds.

#### Step 1:

Use a contractor for all repairs.

#### Step 2:

Submit all the documents required in the Insurance Claim Document Checklist below. After we receive your documents, we will disburse 25% of the insurance proceeds received (up to \$10,000).

#### Step 3:

Submit inspection results showing that repairs are 50% or more complete. After receipt, we will disburse the next 25% of the insurance proceeds received.

#### Step 4:

Submit inspection results showing that repairs are 75% or more complete. After receipt, we will disburse the next 25% of the insurance proceeds received.

#### Step 5:

Submit inspection results showing that repairs are 100% complete. After receipt, we will disburse the final 25% of the insurance proceeds received.

Insurance Claim Document Checklist (For Claims Above \$20,000 & Less Than \$40,000):

**Customer Contact Form** 

Claim Check from the Insurance Company. The check must be endorsed by all parties prior to mailing it and be sure to write your loan number on it.

Insurance Adjusters Report

Repair Certification

Signed Contract with Contractor

#### Optional:

Third Party Authorization to Speak With Contractor Conditional Waiver of Lien Signed By Contractor



### **INSURANCE CLAIM DOCUMENT CHECKLIST**

After you receive the check from your insurance company, submit the check and the following documentation to us at the mailing address below to begin the insurance claim process.

#### Claims \$20,000 or less:

Customer Contact Form
Claim Check from the Insurance
Company. Be sure to write your
loan number on the check!
Insurance Adjusters Report
Repair Certification

#### Claims greater than \$20,000 and less than \$40,000:

Customer Contact Form
Claim Check from the Insurance Company. The
check must be endorsed by all parties prior to
mailing it and be sure to write your loan number on it.
Insurance Adjusters Report
Repair Certification

#### Claims greater than \$40,000 and past due loans:

**Customer Contact Form** 

Claim Check from the Insurance Company. The check must be endorsed by all parties prior to mailing it and be sure to write your loan number on it.

Insurance Adjusters Report

Repair Certification

Signed Contract with Contractor

#### Optional:

Third Party Authorization to Speak With Contractor Conditional Waiver of Lien Signed By Contractor

#### **Mailing Address:**

Union Home Mortgage 5942 Renaissance Place, Toledo, OH 43623

We'll endorse your check and mail it back to you. Turnaround time for check endorsement is 3-5 business days. Checks will be mailed back via regular mail unless a pre-paid return label is provided.

Note: If you've made advance payments to the licensed contractor, Union Home Mortgage is authorized to reimburse you. We'll release the advance amounts from the insurance loss proceeds payable to you, only if you provide paid receipts confirming the advance payments were made and that the work has been completed.



# **CUSTOMER CONTACT FORM**

Please complete the following information regarding your claim. This form must be mailed in with your check.

Borrower Name(s):					
Loan Number:					
Property Address:					
Mailing Address:					
E-mail Address:					
Primary Phone:		Seconda	ry Phone: _		-
Date of Loss:	_ Total Loss?	Yes	No		
Reason for Loss (fire, flood, w	ind, etc.):				
Insurance Information:					
Insurance Provider:					
Insurance Adjuster's Name: _					
Insurance Adjuster's Phone: _					
Claim Reference Number:				 	
Check Issued: Yes	No				
Contractor Information:					
Contractor's Name:					
Contractor's Address:					
Contractor's Phone:					,



# REPAIR CERTIFICATION FORM

Please complete the following information regarding your claim. This form must be mailed in with your check.

	Cause of damage:
Mailing Address:	Wind
	Hail
	Water
	Flood
Are you expecting multiple checks from your	Tornado
insurance company to complete repairs?	Fire
Yes No	Hurricane
N. I	Vehicle Damage
Loan Number:	Other:
/We, , attest that the property	isted above shall be repaired to its pre-loss or bett
I/We,, attest that the property condition, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless, Union from and against any actual litigation or threatened action, s costs, expenses, losses, or damages (including reasonable actual and/or alleged breach of the repair contract with any	uit or proceeding and against any and all claims, ttorney's fees) arising out of, or as a result of, any
condition, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless, Union from and against any actual litigation or threatened action, s costs, expenses, losses, or damages (including reasonable a	Home Mortgage, or any of its officers and employed uit or proceeding and against any and all claims, attorney's fees) arising out of, or as a result of, any contractors.  Inits, adhering to any safety inspections required by arise from repairing the property. In addition, I/We the status of the repairs. I/We acknowledge that
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#### OPTIONAL: AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE BORROWER INFORMATION FORM

This form is voluntary and UHM does not require it to be signed and returned. To be effective, this Authorization must be executed by all borrowers. The Authorization will remain in effect until the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) Written revocation; (2) Payoff and subsequent closing of the mortgage loan account; (3) Upon written entry of an appearance and/or representation by counsel on your behalf; or, (4) Termination on the date listed below.

I/We, the undersigned (individually and collectively, the "Borrower"), hereby authorize and request Union Home Mortgage Corp. ("UHM") to share, release, discuss, and otherwise provide to the entity listed below, and any of his, her or its agents, successors or assigns (collectively, the "Recipient"), any and all public and non-public personal, financial or other information of or relating to the Borrower, in UHM's possession or to which UHM may have such access. Disclosure of such information shall include, but is not limited to: name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, credit score, income, governmental monitoring information, loan status, account balances, and payment activity of the Borrower, unless otherwise limited, below. Information may be provided whether it is based on UHM's experience with the Borrower or is contained in (a) a loan application, (b) financial statements, (c) consumer, business, commercial credit reports, or (d) any other third-party reports, verification forms, or wherever and however such information may be held by UHM. Borrower acknowledges that UHM may release borrower information to other third parties in accordance with its privacy policy.

I agree that UHM shall have no obligation or responsibility whatsoever to verify the identity of the Recipient; Borrower releases and holds UHM harmless from any and all claims, responsibility or liability whatsoever related to, in connection with, or arising out of UHM's release of information under this Authorization. To the extent applicable, Borrower acknowledges that by signing the below Authorization, Borrower is expressly providing UHM consent to communicate with the authorized third-party regarding collection or information regarding the mortgage loan debt.

If you have any questions, please contact UHM's Customer Service Department at (800) 441-3456. This document should be returned by mail to: Union Home Mortgage Corp 5942 Renaissance Place Toledo, OH 43623 or by email to: UHMServicing@uhm.com. I authorize UHM to communicate with the individuals listed below: (The authorized individual must be of legal age)

Name.		Name.		
Address:		Address:		
Phone Number:		Phone Number:		
Email Address:		Email Address:		
Relationship to Borrower:		Relationship to Borrower:		
Mother's Maiden Name:		Mother's Maiden Name:		
I do not authorize UHM to release the fol Telephone Number Social Securit		Score Income		
Please Check One:				
This Authorization shall be of indefinite This Authorization shall terminate on	duration, terminating u mm/dd/		he first three eve	nts, above; or
Loan Number #:				
Borrower (Print):	Borrower (Sign): _	<u> </u>	Date:	,
Borrower (Print):	Borrower (Sign): _		Date:	



#### **OPTIONAL: CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF LIEN**

State of:			
County of:	<u> </u>		
Loan Number #:			
For and in consideration of the sum of \$, upreleases any and all present and future liens that the uncapplicable law pertaining to mechanic's and/or material	dersigned may have or may b	e able to obtain,	under any
Street Address:			
City / State / Zip:			
Relating to the work completed by the undersigned with of the following repairs/replacements: (Please list)	the above referenced insura	nce payment, wl	nich work consists
If there are to be scheduled releases to the undersigned liens shall occur simultaneously with each release and to Dated this day of		n, then such waiv	ver and release of
By:			
Contractor's Signature	Contractor License Num	nber	
Contractor's SSN/TIN:			
Company Name:			
Address:	1		
City/State/Zip:			
Phone Number:			



### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### Why is Union Home Mortgage listed on my check?

Union Home Mortgage is listed on the check because we are the loss payee on the insurance policy. We are required to be the loss payee on the insurance policy by the owner of your loan, which has a security interest in the property. Our responsibility is to ensure the property is repaired in the event of damage and restored to its original or higher value.

### Why does Union Home Mortgage release my insurance proceeds in increments?

If your claim is greater than \$20,000, we will be required to hold and release your insurance proceeds in increments under the guidelines required by the owner of your loan.

# What should I do if my contractor needs more than the initial disbursement to begin the repairs?

You can submit to us a written request from the contractor that is signed by the contractor and the borrower(s). The request must include an itemized breakdown of funds. The contractor may not request more than 50% of the total insurance proceeds received to begin the repairs.

#### What is considered a total loss to my property and is it handled differently?

A property is considered to have a total loss when the amount of the claim exceeds 80% of the insurance coverage amount. The contractor is required to provide a copy of the permits and/or building plans in the event of a total loss, along with all other required forms.

#### May I use the claim funds to pay off my mortgage?

Yes, but only if the funds are used to pay the mortgage in full. If the amount of the claim exceeds the amount required to pay the mortgage in full, you should send the endorsed claim check with a letter authorizing Union Home Mortgage to use the funds to pay off the mortgage. If the amount of the check is less than the amount owed, you must send certified funds for the difference along with the endorsed claim check and a letter authorizing Union Home Mortgage to pay off the mortgage. To obtain the payoff amount, contact us at 800-441-3456.