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## **Central Texas Pounded with \$160 Million Losses**

Many Central Texans are still cleaning up from a large hail storm that knocked out windows, smashed roofs and dented thousands of automobiles causing an estimated \$160 million in insured losses on Wednesday, March 26.

The storm swept in from western Burnet County pummeling Marble Falls with golf ball size hail. Tennis ball size hail was reported in parts of Travis and Williamson Counties.

Hundreds of new cars in several automobile dealerships were heavily damaged. In all more than 22,000 vehicles were damaged in the storm and nearly 15,000 homes received insured losses.

Major insurance companies have been advertising in the local media alerting policyholders on where to call to report their claims.

This is the second time in less than a year that parts of Austin have been pounded by a catastrophic hailstorm. Back on May 14, 20,000 claims came from a storm producing 65 mile per hour wind gusts and large hail. The May 14 storm caused \$50 million in insured losses.

Other severe storm losses last week were reported in Sherman and in Houston.

The Insurance Council of Texas is the largest state insurance trade association in the country consisting of approximately 500 property and casualty insurers writing business in Texas. For more information turn to ICT's Web site at [www.insurancecouncil.org](http://www.insurancecouncil.org).

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