

10 THINGS YOU NEED TO CONSIDER BEFORE ROOFING YOUR HOUSE

Select your roofing contractor early in the process. By involving a professional from the beginning, you can ensure expert guidance throughout the entire project.

- 1 HIRE A ROOFING CONTRACTOR FIRST**
Professional Assessment: Start by selecting a licensed, insured, and experienced roofing contractor. Have them inspect your roof to assess its condition and discuss your options.
Trusted Guidance: A reputable contractor will help you navigate the entire process, from selecting materials to understanding local regulations.
- 2 GET A DETAILED ROOF INSPECTION**
Comprehensive Evaluation: Have your contractor conduct a thorough inspection of your roof deck and structure. This includes checking for damage, rot, mold, and any other issues that could affect the new roof.
Identify Problem Areas: Use this inspection to pinpoint areas that need repair or reinforcement before the roofing project begins.
- 3 DISCUSS ROOFING MATERIAL OPTIONS**
Material Consultation: With your contractor, review different roofing materials based on your home's style, budget, and climate. They can provide insights on the pros and cons of each material.
Make an Informed Decision: Choose a material that balances aesthetics, durability, and maintenance requirements.
- 4 UNDERSTAND LOCAL BUILDING CODES AND PERMITS**
Contractor's Expertise: Leverage your contractor's knowledge to ensure your project complies with building codes. They can guide you through the permit application process.
Stay Compliant: Ensuring adherence to regulations helps avoid delays and potential fines.
- 5 SET A REALISTIC BUDGET**
Collaborative Budgeting: Work with your contractor to develop a budget that includes materials, labor, and potential additional costs like permits and disposal fees.

Plan for Contingencies: Allocate extra funds (10-15%) to cover unexpected issues that may arise during the project.

- 6 PLAN FOR PROPER VENTILATION**
Consult with Your Contractor: Discuss the best ventilation options for your roof with your contractor. Proper ventilation is crucial for the longevity of your roof & the health of your home.
Ventilation Options: Consider options like ridge vents, soffit vents, or attic fans to ensure adequate airflow.
- 7 CHOOSE THE RIGHT TIMING FOR THE PROJECT**
Schedule the Project: Work with your contractor to select the best time of year to begin roofing. Ideal conditions include dry, mild weather to avoid delays and complications.
Timeline Agreement: Establish a clear timeline with your contractor, including start and end dates, to keep the project on track.
- 8 PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR ROOFING**
Exterior Preparations: Clear your yard, deck and/or patio of valuables to protect them from debris. Inform your neighbors about the upcoming work.
Interior Safety: Secure loose items inside your home, especially in the attic, as roofing work can cause vibrations that may dislodge objects.
- 9 REVIEW AND UNDERSTAND WARRANTIES**
Warranty Discussion: Go over the warranties offered by both the roofing materials manufacturer and your contractor. Ensure you understand the coverage, terms, and how to make claims if needed.
Documentation: Keep all warranty documents, contracts, and receipts for future reference.
- 10 FINAL PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING**
Contractor Check-In: Before the project starts, hold a final meeting with your contractor to review the scope of work, timeline, budget, and any last-minute details.
Clear Communication: Ensure everyone is on the same page to avoid miscommunications and ensure a smooth roofing process.

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