

Tips on Roofing

- Know your roof type. Slate shingles, for example, can last many years longer than asphalt or composition shingles.
- Cut back trees to avoid damaged shingles, clogged gutters and to discourage pests on the roof.
- Weather extremes can expedite aging.
- Don't neglect shingles. Visually inspect for curled edges or cracks. Replace as needed.
- Find leaks immediately in attics or crawl spaces and trace to source, if possible.
- If protective mineral granules are washing off (evident in gutters and downspouts), the roof needs attention.
- Keep gutters clear and free of rust.
- Poorly installed flashing (material that connects the roof to the chimney, skylights, etc.) leads to leaks.