

Top 5 Things You Need To Know About Your Roof



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1. Only Let Certified Pros On Your Roof

It's not uncommon for unscrupulous companies to prey on homeowners, especially after severe storms. To ensure you're working with a reputable company, ask questions such as how long have they been in business, do they have a license, are they insured and bonded, and ask for references.

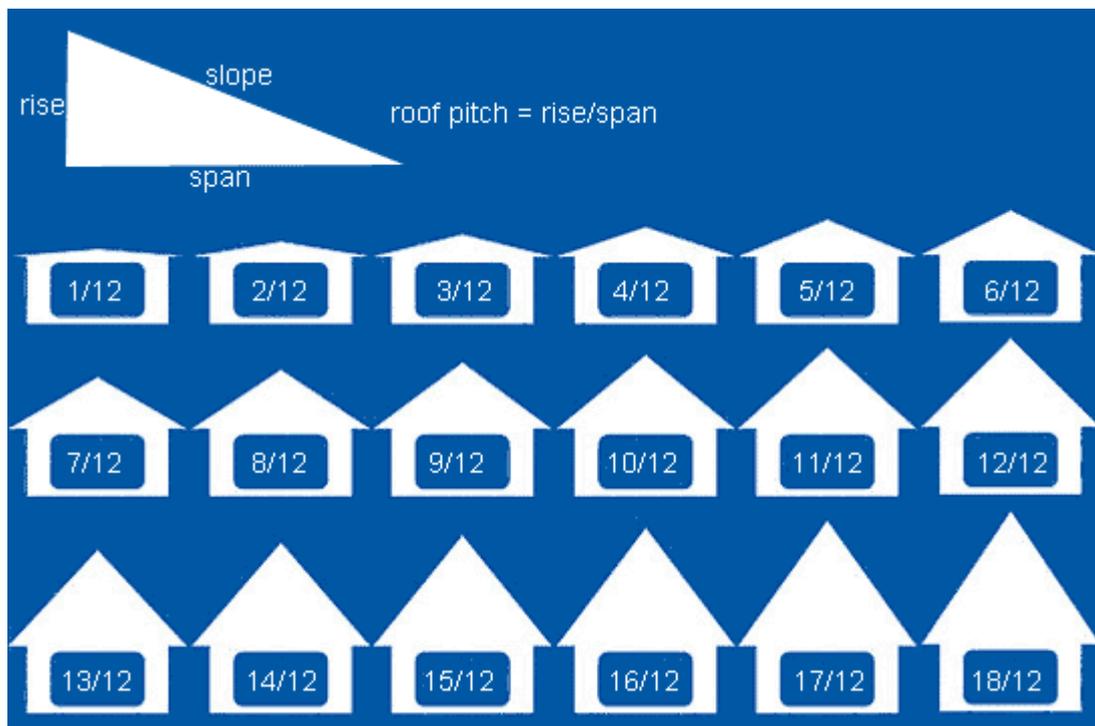
A quality job means your contractor is thinking about your entire roofing system. Asking questions about the roofing materials is just the beginning. Also make sure your contractor can explain the underlayment application, ventilation requirements and installation method that will be used to install your replacement roof.

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2. What Is The Pitch and Slope Of Your Roof?

Roof pitch is always a consideration when getting a roof estimate. Why? The steeper the roof the more difficult to install roofing, Many roofers will not do steeper pitched roofs. Some roofers consider any pitch over 6/12 to be steep. Others consider any pitch over 8/12 to be steep, while some only consider 10/12 and over to be steep. Generally 4/12 and 5/12 roof pitches are the easiest to roof.



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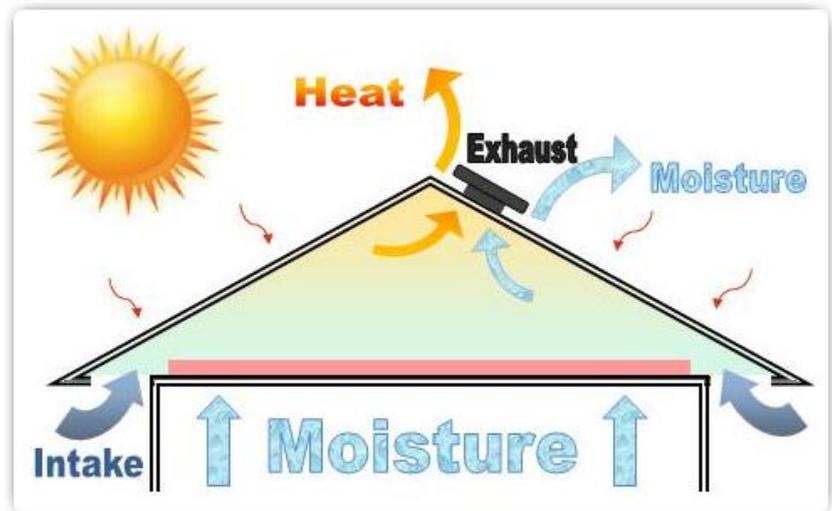
3. Ensure Your Roof Has Proper Ventilation

Ventilation is a system of intake and exhaust that creates a flow of air. Effective attic ventilation provides year-round benefits for all types of roofing systems, creating cooler attics in the summer and drier attics in the winter, protecting against damage to materials and structure, aiding in reducing energy consumption and helping to prevent ice dams.

An overheated attic, combined with moisture, can cause a number of problems, including damage to roof decking and roofing shingles, which can become distorted and deteriorate prematurely.

In the winter, moist, warm air from the lower portions of a building will tend to rise through the ceiling into the attic, especially through bypasses where electrical and plumbing fixtures are installed. In a cold attic, the warm, moist air condenses on the cold surfaces of the rafters, the nails and other metal, and the attic side of the deck. This excess water can create several problems.

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4. When Is The Right Time To Get A New Roof?

The vast majority of residential roofs in the U.S. are composition shingles. Composition shingles are relatively cheap, easy to install, and fire-resistant. Though not as durable as some of the other higher priced roofing products, they're a great bargain. When composition shingles get old and worn-out it's usually pretty obvious. Though few people keep tabs, composition shingle roofs can succumb to the elements before their warranty expires – precipitating the need for a new roof sooner rather than later.

As your composition shingle roof ages you'll see bits of roof material and granules accumulating in the driveway and gutters more and more, especially after a storm. (By the way, these shingle granules will 'shed' naturally for a few weeks with a brand new roof; there's no reason to worry.)



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5. Do You Need A Permit Or License?

There are many important reasons to obtain the required building permit and to obtain the required inspections for your roofing project. Your home is an investment. If your roofing project does not comply with the codes adopted by your community, the value of your investment could be reduced. Property insurers may not cover work or damages caused by work done without permits and inspections.

When property is sold through a multiple listing association, the owner is required to disclose any improvements or repairs made and if permits and inspections were obtained. Many financial institutions will not finance a purchase without proof of a final inspection. If you decide to sell your home that has had modifications without a permit, you may be required to redo your roof with the proper permits.

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