

Roof Maintenance Tips

There are some very good roofing products on the market. Some of the better ones should last 40+ years. But even the very best roofs will require some maintenance.

Here are some basic roofing maintenance tips:

As a general rule: when you have the urge to climb on the roof, have a cup of tea and wait until the urge passes.

Many roofs are damaged by people who don't know how to "walk" on a roof.

Falling off a roof (or ladder) is not much fun.

"Flat" roofs need more frequent and regular inspections and cleaning than do sloped roofs.

Roofing materials are not designed to be used as decks - one "4th of July rooftop fireworks viewing party" can destroy most roofing surfaces.

Remove any tree limbs which overhang the roof and gutters.

Most roofing surfaces should not be pressure washed.

Start treating your roofing with a moss control agent as soon as the moss starts growing. In wet climates, and northern facing roof surfaces this moss can start to develop after one or two wet seasons.

Take a good look at your roof at least once a year. This can often be done with a set of binoculars from a safe/nearby location. Look for missing roofing material, loose flashing, debris and similar signs of damage.

Most roof leaks can be repaired and don't require the immediate replacement of the roof. If a new roof is required, take the time to get a good set of bids.