

Turning your
house into
your dream
home

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*Like a hat
your roof
keeps your
house warm
in winter and
cool in summer—make
sure it isn't
worn and full
of holes.*

DOING IT RIGHT

With help from D4 Construction

It's About Your Roof

Is your roof doing its job?

Most of us don't think about our roof until it springs a leak. But, like every other part of your house, the roof requires regular maintenance to prevent leaks, and to spot minor problems before they become major expenses.

Keeping a Healthy Roof

Ventilation is key in a roof's lifetime. Keeping attic/roof temperature as close to outside temperature as possible will help prevent unnecessary condensation which leads to insulation problems and rot.

Vents placed in the flat of the roof, gable ends or soffits, and the ridge create circulation by allowing warm air to leave through the top vents and cool air to be drawn in through the soffits. In most cases there's no need for electronic fans to help move the air.

Venting Do's & Don'ts:

- ⇒ Vents shouldn't be in the middle sections of the roof as this will interrupt the natural circulation of the air.
- ⇒ Half of the vents should be placed near the ridge and the other half near the eaves or soffits to encourage maximum air flow

⇒ Approximately one square foot of ventilation is required for every three hundred square feet of attic floor space

Gutters and Downspouts...

Protect your home and roof by taking the destructive water a safe distance away.

It's important to make sure you:

1. clean out leaves and debris at least twice a year
2. check for leaks
3. maintain gutter supports

If your roof is no longer up to the task of protecting your home from the elements, replacing it is an investment that brings great returns in energy savings both summer and winter.

You Know You Need A New Roof When...

An outside inspection shows you:

- ⇒ Roof decking sagging between rafters
- ⇒ Blistered, curled, split shingles
- ⇒ Loose or missing shingles
- ⇒ Broken or loose shingles at the ridge lines
- ⇒ Exposed nails

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Regular roof inspections can save you a bundle of money while maximizing the life expectancy of your roof.

⇒ Large amounts of granules in the rain gutters (if you have asphalt shingles)

From the inside of your attic you see:

⇒ Outside light

⇒ Dark spots on the wood, especially around vents, and chimneys

⇒ Stained drywall or ceiling tiles if your attic is finished

Check your roof's integrity twice a year:

1. Every spring get up on your roof and check for winter damage—curled, broken, cracked or missing shingles or shakes

2. Every fall check everything again to make sure all is ready for winter snow and rain.

Regular roof inspections will reduce the chance of premature leaks and aging.

With proper care and maintenance there's no reason you can't maximize your roof's lifespan.

A Word to the Wise

One of the biggest mistakes many homeowners make is choosing a dark colored shingle for their roof. Scientific studies have shown that dark shingles absorb more heat while light colored shingles conduct less heat and reflect more.

If you're thinking of replacing your roof consider choosing a light colored shingle.

Upcoming Topics

⇒ Let's talk caulk

⇒ Fall maintenance

⇒ Out with the old... grout

For more information:

If you are interested in improving the value of your home or in turning your house into your dream home or simply have remodeling questions or needs - call Mike Spruyt at 572-4812

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