

A HOMEOWNER'S CHECKLIST FOR STORM-PROOF ROOFING

WEATHER RISK ASSESSMENT

- ☐ Review local weather data for each season.
- ☐ Inspect hazard maps to see if you're in a high-risk area.
- ☐ Track damage from recent severe weather events.

ROOF ASSESSMENT

- ☐ Does water pool on your roof after rain/snow? Note where.
- ☐ Are there missing shingles? Where?
- ☐ What material is your current roof made of?
- ☐ How old is your current roof?
- ☐ What's the pitch/slope of your current roof?
- ☐ Are there cracks or leaks?
- ☐ Take photos and notes to document the progression of damage.

INSURANCE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ☐ Are there discounts for storm-resistant roofs? What types?
- ☐ What kinds of weather damage does your policy cover?
- ☐ Are there any limitations or exclusions in your policy related to specific types of storm damage?
- ☐ Does your policy cover the replacement cost of your roof or the actual cash value?



QUESTIONS TO ASK A POTENTIAL CONTRACTOR

- ☐ Are you licensed to work in this town? (Obtain their license number)
- ☐ Do you carry general liability and workers' compensation insurance? (Request copies)
- ☐ Do they have past experience with storm-proof roofing materials? (Request previous project examples and references)
- ☐ Are their crews trained on the installation techniques required for storm-rated materials?
- ☐ Are they certified by any specific material manufacturers?
- ☐ What type of underlayment do you recommend for my climate and why?
- ☐ What kind of warranty do you offer on your workmanship? What does it cover and for how long?
- ☐ What manufacturer warranties come with the materials you use?
- ☐ Ask for a written contract with all project details, including materials, scope of work, timeline, and costs.



SEASONAL ROOF MAINTENANCE

Spring/Early Summer:

- ☐ Inspect for damage from winter
- ☐ Clear gutters and downspouts
- ☐ Trim branches that touch or hang over your roof
- ☐ Check for moss or algae growth

Late Summer/Fall:

- ☐ Remove fallen debris
- ☐ Inspect for minor damage
- ☐ Check attic ventilation
- ☐ Prepare for winter by thoroughly cleaning gutters and downspouts

Winter:

- ☐ Monitor for ice dams
- ☐ Safely remove snow after heavy accumulation
- ☐ Check for interior signs of damage
- ☐ Maintain clear downspouts
- ☐ Don't chip at icicles to avoid damage