



A little preparation now can save you big headaches later.



WINTER ROOF PREP CHECKLIST

Prepare Your Roof and Home for a Safe, Strong Winter

North Texas winters can bring strong winds, heavy rain, freezing temperatures and even ice and snow. Use this checklist to make sure your roof and home are ready for whatever the season brings.



1 SCHEDULE A PROFESSIONAL ROOF INSPECTION

- ☐ Have your roof inspected for damage, aging materials, loose shingles, exposed areas and potential leaks before winter weather hits.



2 CHECK FOR MISSING OR DAMAGED SHINGLES

- ☐ Look for shingles that are missing, cracked, broken, curling, lifting or showing excessive wear.



3 LOOK FOR SIGNS OF PREVIOUS STORM DAMAGE

- ☐ North Texas roofs take a beating from summer storms and high winds. Small problems left untreated can become bigger problems during winter.



4 INSPECT FLASHING

- ☐ Check flashing around chimneys, skylights, vents, valleys and pipe penetrations. Damaged flashing can allow water to get underneath your roof.



5 CLEAN YOUR GUTTERS

- ☐ Remove leaves and debris so water can drain properly. Clogged gutters can cause water to back up against your roofline and fascia.



6 CHECK YOUR DOWNSPOUTS

- ☐ Make sure downspouts are clear and directing water away from your home's foundation.



7 CHECK YOUR ATTIC FOR MOISTURE

- ☐ Look for water stains, damp insulation, mold or mildew, musty odors and daylight coming through the roof. Your attic can reveal a roofing problem before you notice a leak inside your home.



8 CHECK YOUR ATTIC VENTILATION

- ☐ Proper ventilation helps regulate temperature and moisture in your attic throughout the year.



9 INSPECT ROOF PENETRATIONS & SEALS

- ☐ Look around vents, pipes and other areas where components pass through the roof. Deteriorated seals can become a source of leaks.



10 TRIM OVERHANGING TREE BRANCHES

- ☐ Branches can scrape shingles during high winds and fall onto the roof during storms.



11 CHECK YOUR CHIMNEY & FIREPLACE

- ☐ If you have a wood-burning fireplace, have your chimney inspected and cleaned as recommended before using it for the season.



12 CHECK YOUR EXTERIOR DRAINAGE

- ☐ Make sure water has a clear path away from your home. Your roof, gutters and drainage system all work together to protect your home.



13 CHECK YOUR ROOF AFTER MAJOR STORMS

- ☐ After a strong wind or hailstorm, don't wait for a ceiling stain to appear. Some roof damage isn't visible from the ground.



14 KNOW THE AGE OF YOUR ROOF

- ☐ If your roof is approaching the end of its expected service life, winter is a good time to have a professional evaluate its condition and plan ahead.



RED FLAGS

Don't Ignore These Warning Signs

Call a professional if you notice:

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| ☐ Water stains on ceilings or walls | ☐ Damaged flashing |
| ☐ Missing shingles | ☐ Sagging areas |
| ☐ Granules collecting in gutters | ☐ Mold or moisture in the attic |
| ☐ Visible cracks or lifted shingles | ☐ Daylight visible through the roof deck |



One Last Winter Tip

Don't wait until the first big storm to find out your roof has a problem. A small roofing issue that's easy to address today can become a much bigger — and more expensive — problem after weeks of rain, wind and freezing temperatures.

Schedule Your
FREE ROOF INSPECTION
BEFORE WINTER WEATHER ARRIVES.



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