



Roof Preservation Tips

A Long Lasting Roof is Possible

One of the biggest problems we see our customers experience is replacing their roof too soon. Because they didn't know how to properly maintain their roof, it failed before it should have and they did not receive the maximum lifespan from their roof. Don't let that happen to you; follow these roof preservation tips to get the most out of your roof.

MINIMIZE FOOT TRAFFIC

There are certain situations where you have to walk on your roof. Making repairs and performing inspections are two of these cases. However, we recommend that if you don't have to be on your roof, you shouldn't be on your roof. Foot traffic can wear down the roof over time, and can also cause rips or holes in your roof that lead to leaks immediately.

Avoid walking on the roof if you can. If you must get on your roof, don't allow more people on the roof than necessary. No one trip onto your roof will cause it to fail, but the combined effects of many trips can lead to your replacing your roof before you have to.

MAKE REPAIRS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

When you find an issue with your roof, either through an inspection or by noticing a leak on the interior of your building, try to repair it immediately. If you are capable of performing the repairs yourself, then it's best to get on the roof the same day and repair it. If you can't make the repairs yourself, then call your roof contractor immediately. Prompt action surrounding roof problems provide 2 benefits:

1. Repair the problem before it grows and becomes more serious. If you fix the problem immediately, you generally spend less time and money than if you wait 6 months to fix it.
2. When you repair one portion of the roof, you may discover that another section close by is also damaged, but hasn't begun to leak yet. You can completely prevent a leak from developing, just by promptly repairing an existing leak.

PERFORM REGULAR ROOF INSPECTIONS

As referenced in the first two sections, roof inspections are one of the few reasons you should walk on your roof, and a great way to discover problems and make repairs. We always recommend that a roof be inspected twice per year. The timing of the inspection is almost as important as the frequency and quality of the inspection itself:

1. **Spring Inspection.** Your first inspection should take place in early spring, just as soon as you can reasonably expect to receive no more winter weather. Heavy snows, sleet, and below freezing temperatures can all lead to damage on your roof. It is crucial that you inspect your roof after winter to repair any damage sustained during those cold months.
2. **Fall Inspection.** We recommend your second annual inspection take place in late fall, before the first winter weather hits. Once winter weather comes, it's very difficult to get on your roof to make repairs. Oftentimes, you'll have 3 months of weather that prohibit you from getting on the roof. Make repairs before winter, to ensure your roof lasts all winter long.

For more roof preservation tips, give us a call or visit us online today. We'd love to help you determine the best ways to make your roof last as long as possible.