

Fall Roof Checklist

A GROUND-LEVEL WALKAROUND BEFORE WINTER

Keep both feet on the ground. Do not climb onto the roof or use a ladder for this checklist. Leave roof access, repairs, and work near power lines to qualified professionals.

Date: _____ Address: _____

☐ **Look at the roof from a safe distance**

Note missing or visibly displaced shingles, loose trim, fallen branches, or new debris in the yard. Take photos from repeatable ground-level viewpoints.

☐ **Watch the gutters and downspouts**

Record overflow, sagging sections, visible blockages, or water discharging against the house. Observe rain from a sheltered location; do not work during a storm.

☐ **Check the ceilings and walls inside**

Photograph new or changing stains and note when they appear. A stain alone cannot identify whether the source is roof leakage, plumbing, or condensation.

☐ **Note attic concerns only where access is safe**

From an existing safe access point or walkway, note dampness, musty odors, or visible staining. Never step onto ceiling drywall or disturb wiring or insulation.

☐ **Record what changed**

List recent wind, hail, roof work, gutter cleaning, or equipment service. Keep any earlier inspection photos and repair records with these notes.

Act promptly: If water is entering the home, a ceiling is sagging, or electrical fixtures are affected, keep people away from the affected area and arrange appropriate professional help.

Notes and photo locations

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TURN YOUR NOTES INTO A CLEAR INSPECTION CONVERSATION

This checklist helps you prepare for an inspection. It does not diagnose roof condition or replace an on-site assessment.

☐ **Explain the symptom**

Where is it happening? When did it start? Does it occur during rain, after wind, or in colder weather? Share photos and earlier repair history.

☐ **Ask what the inspection could confirm**

Which areas were accessible? What findings are documented? What remains uncertain, and would further evaluation be needed?

☐ **Compare the proposed work**

Ask why a repair or replacement is recommended. Confirm the areas included, materials, flashing details, ventilation considerations, and cleanup.

☐ **Clarify costs and approvals**

Identify allowances and exclusions. Ask how concealed decking damage or other additional work will be priced and approved before it proceeds.

☐ **Agree on the next step**

Confirm access, timing, weather contingencies, property protection, completion photos, and applicable workmanship and product warranty documents.

Questions for the inspection

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