

Five Things You Can Do to Extend the Life of Your Roof

1 Get On Your Roof

Inspect it twice a year. The best time is in the spring and in the fall after the leaves have fallen.

2 Clean Dirt, Debris and Leaves

Clean it away from roof sumps, downspouts and gutters. This will allow water to drain properly from the roof. Ponding water adds weight on your structure and it can get up over the height of roof flashings at curbs and walls. This can create leaks into your structure and into the building. Continuous ponded water will decrease the life of the roof system.

3 Perform a General Pick Up

Pick up items that don't belong on the roof. This would include nails, screws and other sharp objects that can puncture the roof if stepped on. Often we will find plants and small trees growing in the dirt and debris on the roof. This should be cleaned up also or the roots can penetrate the roof system.

4 Seal Openings

Inspect and make sure all roof curbs, roof top equipment and roof unit doors are secured. In high winds they can and frequently do come loose and put dozens of holes in the membrane as they cartwheel across the roof.

5 Seal Splits or Gaps

Use a latex caulk to seal splits or gaps in roof membrane, flashings, curbs and wall systems. Moisture penetration can do a great deal of damage before it shows up inside the building.



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