

The roof is no place to cut corners and no matter the season, even seemingly minor roofing issues can put your home and valuables at risk. Follow this roof checklist to prepare your home for any season.

✓	What to Look For	Why This is Important
☐	Missing and curled shingles	 <p>Water can penetrate roof deck which causes water to leak into ceiling.</p>
☐	Visible damage to pipe vents and flashing	 <p>Easy access for water to penetrate roof deck which causes water to leak into ceiling. Varmints such as rats and squirrels can enter home through holes.</p>
☐	Cracks in chimney cap	These cracks will ice and expand in the winter causing chimney damage.
☐	Missing granules on shingles, or granules found in gutters	Leads to additional sun and water damage, which shortens life of roof.
☐	Small tree limbs touching roof	 <p>Daily breezes and storms will cause even the smallest limbs that touch your roof to wear away granules, and cause damage to shingles.</p>
☐	Large tree limbs overhanging the roof that have no leaves when they should, sticking out farther than others, rot, distress, fungal areas or dead spots	 <p>Allows varmints, especially squirrels, easy access to roof.</p> <p>A large tree limb weighs a lot, hundreds of lbs. A limb falling on the roof will cause moderate to severe roof damage.</p>
☐	Moss or lichens on shingles	 <p>You want to remove moss and lichen, they are not beauty marks, and will shorten the life of the roof. They cause more debris to accumulate and trap on your shingles, moisture to build-up, and spread over time.</p>
☐	Debris/leaves in roof valleys, around vent pipes, gutters, caught in tile, and other areas	 <p>Debris causes more debris to accumulate onto roof. Debris holds water, damages tile, and over time leads to roof problems.</p>
☐	Inside your home, look for brown spots on the ceiling	 <p>Left untreated water spots will continue to leak every time it rains, and can cause mold and holes to appear in ceiling.</p>