

A Complete Guide To Choosing the Right Roofing Materials

Overwhelmed by the prospect of choosing your roofing materials? With Rescue My Roof's Materials Guide, you can make the best decisions for your home.





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Chapter 1

Asphalt Shingles

Asphalt Shingles

Introduction

One of the most popular roofing materials in the United States is asphalt shingles. They are durable, inexpensive, and come in a variety of colors.

In this chapter, we will be covering the three different types of asphalt shingles: 3-tab, dimensional, and luxury.

We are going to break down the differences, benefits, and price points so that when it comes time to choose a roofing material, you will be able to make a well-educated decision for your home.

In the end, you will have a good idea of which roofing shingle will be the best option for you.



3-Tab Shingles



Dimensional Shingles



Luxury Shingles

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Asphalt Shingles

Asphalt shingles are perfect for homes that experience all types of weather. For example, here in the midwest, we see it all. Rain, snow, hail, extreme heat, you name it. Asphalt shingles are standard because they handle well in all weather conditions.

This may make initially choosing asphalt shingles relatively easy. Do I live in that type of climate? Yes? Sign me up! But the decisions don't stop there.

There are three types of asphalt shingles: 3-Tab, Dimensional, and Luxury.

1. 3-Tab Shingles

3-Tab shingles are designed to be deceptive. **One shingle is 36 inches long, with three 12-inch sections.** They look like three different shingles, but in reality, they are all one piece.

3-tab shingles are the most cost-effective option, averaging **\$1-2 per square foot.**

There are some benefits to 3-Tab Shingles, including:

- More cost-effective than dimensional or luxury shingles
- Provides a uniform look to your roof
- One of the most common shingles

But, there are drawbacks. 3-tab shingles are more common amongst older homes. **So if you want your home to have a more modern look, you may want to consider another option.**

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2. Dimensional Shingles

Dimensional shingles are asphalt shingles but with a bit of spice.

Dimensional shingles are growing in popularity because they look higher-end than the traditional asphalt shingle, but they are still budget-friendly.

These shingles are layered, and the added thickness makes it look like cedar shake. If you like the look of cedar shake shingles like those pictured below but don't like the added costs, these shingles may be for you.

Dimensional shingles are only a bit more expensive than 3-tab shingles at \$2-4 per square foot. You get a higher-quality-looking shingle than the 3-tab for a bit higher cost. Fortunately, they also do not require much extra labor to install, therefore saving on costs.

3. Luxury Shingles

If you want a very high-end finish to your home, luxury shingles are going to add that incredible look of luxury.

What separates luxury shingles from the others? **They are bigger, bolder, and fancier. But you pay for that high-end finish.**

Luxury shingles are luxury for a reason. Be ready to pay for the quality at **\$4-5 per square foot.** Luxury shingles also require different installation techniques that not every company has experience in, so you may be paying more for a company that can do the work.

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Conclusion

There are three different asphalt shingles on the market, so how do you decide which is the best for you?

3-tab shingles won't add any dimension to your roof, but they come at an affordable price point. If you have a small budget and aren't looking for a high-end vibe for your home, 3-tab shingles may be the best option.

Or if you want a high-end look without the cost, dimensional shingles will add depth to your roof. Their thickness makes them durable, and they only cost a bit more at \$2-4 per sq. ft.

If you're going with the fanciest style, Luxury shingles may appeal to you. Their biggest drawback is the price, but if your budget allows, they may be the ones to make your home look beautiful.

Now that you know their biggest pros and cons, you can make a well-educated decision for your home.

And if one of them has caught your eye - Rescue My Roof may be able to help! We have spent over a decade in the roofing industry helping happy homeowners achieve their dreams of a beautiful asphalt roof.

If you're located in southeastern Wisconsin, you can [contact us today](#) to get a free, fast, and honest roof estimate.

Chapter 2

Metal Roofing

Metal Roofing

Introduction

Metal roofing has become more popular in recent years as industrial and modern homes are in style. They are beautiful, durable, and can be a great option for commercial or residential properties.

In this chapter, we will be covering two different types of metal roofing: standing seam and exposed fastener.

We are going to break down the differences, benefits, and price points. In the end, you will have a better idea of if a metal roof is the right roofing option for you.



Exposed fastener metal roof.

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Standing Seam vs. Exposed Fastener

If you're looking into metal roofing, you may have noticed there are two distinct types. If they're both metal roofs, how different could they be?

The reality is that standing seam metal roofs differ significantly from exposed fastener roofs. Both have different sets of advantages and disadvantages that may make one of them fit your needs better than the other.

Here we will be comparing standing seam roofs against exposed fasteners. In the end, you should be able to tell which roof is the best for your needs.

What is Exposed Fastener Metal Roofing?



Exposed fastener roofs are made from metal panels. **These panels overlap slightly, and screws go through both panels of the overlapped metal and directly into the roof deck.**

This type of metal roofing gets its name from the fact that the screw heads are visible from the top of the roof and not hidden behind any other panels.

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The Top 4 Advantages of Exposed Fastener Roofs

You'll see exposed fastener metal roofs used in many different building projects, including residential buildings.

Here are some of the benefits of exposed fastener roofs to consider before buying:

1. Exposed Fastener Metal Roofs are More Cost-Effective

Want the look of a metal roof without the high cost? You're in luck.

Exposed fastener roofs are generally cheaper than standing seam roofs, costing approximately \$250 to \$700 per square (100 square feet).

Exposed fastener roofs are cheaper than standing seam roofs for a variety of reasons. They use wider panels and a thinner gauge metal, along with lower-quality paint systems. This drives the cost down and makes it the less expensive option of the two roofing systems.

2. No Seam-Work Required

Exposed faster roofs use panels that overlap each other, so there's no hand-seaming required.

No seam-work means this roof is less labor-intensive and will save you on labor costs.

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3. Holds Up To Bad Weather Conditions

If installed correctly, exposed fastener metal roofs stand up to the test of bad weather conditions.

Metal roofs are very durable. Depending on the gauge (how thick) the roof is, they can handle poor weather conditions like high wind speed and hail.

4. More Contractors Can Handle Exposed Fastener Installation

Exposed fasteners and standing seam are both metal roofing systems, but installation techniques differ greatly.

The two systems require different skill sets. Exposed fastener roofs are the easiest of the two to install, so many contractors will have the tools to do the job.

However, it is in your best interest to find a roofing contractor certified by the metal roofing manufacturer. That means the manufacturer has selected them, and they use the appropriate techniques to install the roof.

This decreases the risk of poor workmanship on your roof, and you won't have to risk paying for costly repairs earlier on.

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The Disadvantages of Exposed Fastener Roofs

As with everything, there are some downsides to exposed fastener roofs.

1. Many Roof Penetrations

Exposed fastener roofs are put together with – you guessed it – fasteners.

These fasteners are drilled directly through the overlapping panels and into the roof deck. **But because they are exposed and not covered by any seams, they pose a risk for leaks.**

When you have a ton of water or ice on your roof, it will try to find a way into your home. The penetrations created by the fasteners provide the perfect opportunity for water to get into your home.

This can lead to issues with rotten decking and mold and mildew growth in the attic space.

If you notice these issues occurring, have a professional familiar with metal roofing do an inspection. You'll want to catch the problem in its tracks before it does massive damage to your home.

2. Frequent Maintenance

Out of the two styles of metal roofing, exposed fasteners require more maintenance, including:

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- Removing leaves and debris
- Cleaning out your gutters
- Cleaning any dirt, algae, or mildew off of your roof
- Checking for scratches
- Inspecting fasteners
- Ensuring your roof is water-tight

3. Warranty Trouble

As you've learned, exposed fasteners have a high risk of leaks. As a result, manufacturers are reluctant to provide a weather-tight warranty.

If there is any water damage resulting from rainy weather, the repairs will be up to you.

What is Standing Seam Metal Roofing?



Standing seam roofs have raised seams that allow the panels to be connected to the roof deck without exposing the fasteners.

They are considered higher quality than exposed fastener roofing systems and are commonly seen in modern architectural buildings.

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The Advantages of Standing Seam Roofs

1. No Exposed Fasteners

Standing seam roofs are the antithesis of its counterpart.

This is the best benefit you will get with this type of metal roof. Exposed fastener roofs leave a lot of room for leaks. With standing seam roofs, you don't have to worry as much about that risk.

Additionally, the absence of visible fasteners makes the appearance of this roofing system a lot more appealing.

If you don't want to increase the risk of leaks and like the curb appeal this roofing system provides, a Standing Seam roof might be in your future.

2. Manufacturer Warranties

Again, the low likelihood of leaks provides another benefit: a weather-tight warranty.

Because the risk of leaks is lower, manufacturers aren't as afraid to offer weather-tight warranties.

So when water finds its way into your home due to weather conditions, the manufacturer will be responsible for fixing the issue.

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3. Less Maintenance and a Longer Lifespan

Metal roofs of any variety typically require less maintenance than an asphalt roof. However, since fasteners do not penetrate the surface on standing seam roofs, you do not have the same maintenance routine as exposed fastener roofs.

With exposed fastener roofs, you must conduct inspections to make sure the fasteners aren't failing. That is not an issue with standing seam roofs.

However, this does not mean that there is no maintenance. You will still want to take steps like clearing your roof and gutters of debris to keep your roof in the best shape.

4. Standing Seam Roofs Are Energy Efficient

Standing seam roofing systems sometimes offer cooling coils that are designed to reflect the sun's rays.

In other words: they dispel the heat that other roofs may retain. This will help to keep your home cooler and will reduce energy bills.

5. Many Material Options

Standing Seam roofs offer a variety of material options beyond the typical steel.

Often, you can choose from painted aluminum, zinc, and copper. So with this roofing type, you will have more options.

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The Disadvantages of Standing Seam Roofing Systems

1. Higher Cost

With all of the added benefits standing seam roofs bring comes a higher price.

Standing seam roofs average \$600 to \$1,400 per square, making them one of the priciest roofing options.

If you're looking to purchase this roof, you'll have to be ready to invest.

If you want to look at more cost-effective options, the exposed fastener metal roof or even the traditional asphalt roof may be the way to go.

2. You'll Need a Speciality Contractor

This roof requires a much different skill set to install. To avoid voiding any manufacturer warranties by poor workmanship, you will want to find a reliable roofing contractor who is certified to install standing seam metal roofs.

If you go with a contractor who does not have the certification, you risk dealing with improper installation and pricey repairs.

Avoid the hassle by finding a contractor who is manufacturer-certified to handle the job.

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3. Extensive Installation Process

Standing seam roofs can be complex. This is why it is crucial that you follow the steps above and get a contractor specializing in metal roofing.

Whereas many contractors can complete exposed fastener roofs, standing seams require more complex steps in the installation process, including:

- Forming the metal panels to your roof on-site using special machinery
- Correctly spacing the metal panels
- Mechanically seaming panels together
- Making the necessary cuts to fit the panels to your roof shape

4. More Complex Repairs

As complex as they can be to install, they are also difficult to repair.

If a panel on your roof sustains damage, it will have to be disconnected from the surrounding panels, which can be tedious and time-consuming.

This can lead to higher repair costs than other roofing systems.



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How to Choose: Exposed Fastener vs. Standing Seam

When deciding between the two roofing systems, the biggest considerations will be the budget and the disadvantages of each system.

With exposed fasteners, you will save money initially. However, with a higher risk of leaks and no weather-tight warranty, you may find yourself paying for repairs down the road.

Standing Seam roofs provide a decreased risk of leaks, but it may be more challenging to find a contractor, and they will be more expensive. Overall, you will be paying more for the installation process, and you may not find a certified roofing contractor in your area.





Chapter 3

Clay Shingles

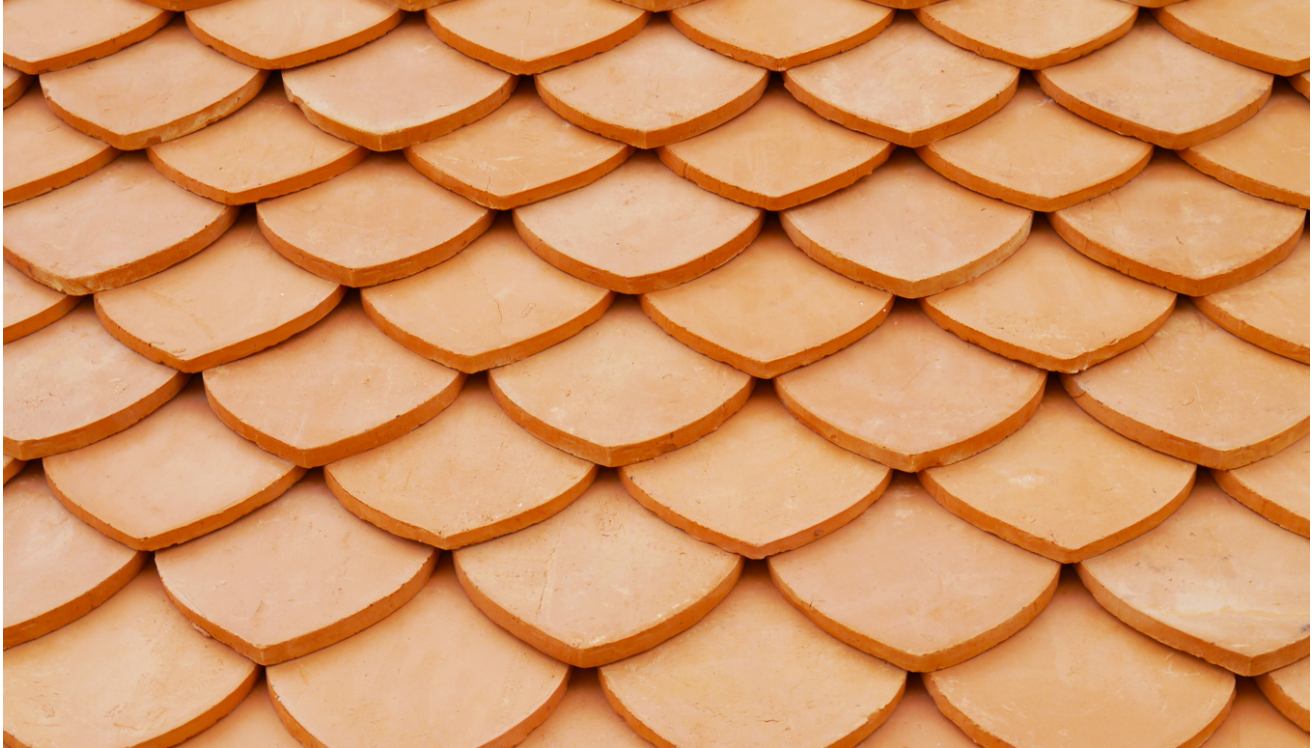
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Introduction

In warmer climates, you will see many homes with clay shingles. They match any desert colors, provide fire protection, and help to keep the home cool during the summer months.

If you live in a desert climate, clay shingles may be the perfect option for you. In this chapter, we will be covering their benefits and the most important things you need to know about clay shingles.

In the end, you'll know whether or not clay shingles are making your shortlist of roofing materials for your home.



Hand-cut clay roof shingles.

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What is a Clay Roof?

Clay roofs are a premium roofing system made out of clay tiles. These tiles are hand-shaped and then baked at high temperatures.

Because of the iron content in clay, they are transformed into a red terracotta color when the tiles are baked. Different manufacturer techniques can produce different shades of red, adding a lot of depth to your roof.

You will often see clay tiles in warmer climates as they can handle extremely high temperatures. If you live in an area prone to heat and wildfires, this may be the right material for you.

4 Things to Know About Clay Roofs

1. Clay Roofs Require A Specialized Contractor

Every aspect of this roof requires experienced experts. Many clay tiles will have unique installation requirements that will vary with the design of the roof.

Additionally, adhering these tiles to the roof will require precision and experience. The fasteners can crack the tiles if they are not done correctly, which will make your roof prone to leaks.

And depending on the shape of your roof, the shingles may need to be cut and angled during the process to shape them to your roof. If you want clean results, this will require a contractor specializing in clay roofing.

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2. Clay Roofs are Heavy

When we say “heavy,” you might be thinking, “how heavy could it be?”

Very. Clay roofs are approximately three times heavier than a traditional asphalt roof.

The framing of your home must be up to the challenge of handling the weight of a clay roof.

This may mean reframing parts of your home to add extra support to load-bearing walls. It also means hiring an engineer to inspect your home to ensure the final results are safe and that your roof will not collapse.

Hiring an engineer and adding supports to your home are not expenses included in the estimate for your roof. If you have a low budget, you may want to steer clear of clay roofing systems.

3. Clay Roofs Are Extremely Durable

Under the right conditions, clay roofs can last up to **75-100 years**.

The right conditions include not being walked on (which can damage the tiles), avoiding falling tree branches, and avoiding the extreme cold of northern climates.

If these conditions are met, the tiles may outlast their underlayment and even the home. **Underlayments will have to be replaced every 30 to 40 years**, and then the clay tiles can be reused.

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4. Clay Roofs Can Be Pricey

Once installed, clay roofs can cost anywhere from **\$15 to \$25 per square foot**.

They are much more expensive than asphalt shingles, but they are less expensive than the slate and concrete alternatives.

However, reinforcing the structure of your home is a cost that should be factored into your budget. **That work alone can cost up to \$10,000.**

The upside is that you will get a roof that will stand the test of time. So if you want to replace a roof and never think about it again, the price may be worth it.



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Is A Clay Roof Right For You?

Picking a roofing material can be challenging, but when it comes to clay roofing, there are two significant factors to consider: budget and the structure of your home.

If a clay roof appeals to you, one of the first steps should be calling an engineer to inspect your home. If your home is not up to the weighty challenge clay roofs present, you will need to beef up the structure of your home.

This leads right to our next point: you need to evaluate your budget. You could easily spend upwards of \$40,000 installing a clay roof. Examine your budget ahead of time to ensure this roof is financially feasible for you.

Chapter 4

Composite Shingles

Composite Shingles

Introduction

Many environmentalists want their homes to have as many recycled products as possible. If you're in the same boat, you may be asking, "how can that be possible in roofing?"

Composite shingles are made from previously recycled or recyclable materials, which makes them one of the green shingle options on the market. They are also incredibly durable and are made to mimic the look of other high-end shingles without the luxury price point.

We are going to cover composite shingles' benefits, and drawbacks, and help you to determine whether or not they are the shingles of your dreams. In the end, you will either be in love or want to go with another roofing material.



Composite shingles made to look like asphalt shingles.

Composite Shingles

What are Composite Shingles

Since their invention in the early 1900s, asphalt shingles have dominated the roofing industry as one of the most popular options for shingles.

However, they have their downsides; they lose granules, aren't the most durable, and don't have the best longevity.

To solve these issues and create a more environmentally friendly option, the composite shingle was born.

Composite shingles are made from engineered materials like recycled plastics and rubber. Because they are manufactured from recyclable or already recycled materials, they can be made to look like asphalt shingles, cedar shakes, or slate shingles.

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The Benefits of Composite Shingles

There are many reasons why composite shingles may be the best option for you and your home compared to other shingles.

Here are three reasons you'll want to take into consideration:

1. Appearance

Composite shingles are made to look like other, higher-end shingles such as slate or cedar shakes.

Typically these shingles come at a much higher price due to their quality and appearance. **Slate shingle roofs go for anywhere between \$11,000 to \$24,000.**

With the composite shingles made to look like slate, you could get the same appearance for a portion of the price.

That is why the appearance of composite shingles is a big attraction for buyers. They can get the modern, clean looks of other shingle styles for a lower price.



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2. Composite Shingles Will Last the Life of Your Home

Composite Shingles are made with incredibly durable materials, making them one of the strongest shingles on the market.

Many shingles, like asphalt, slate, or composite, will come with a 50-year warranty. However, it is typically the expectation that the shingles will not last that long. Composite shingles are the exception. They are made to last, withstanding high wind speeds, hail damage, and tree limbs.

If you want a roof that is made to last with minimal maintenance and don't mind the higher price tag, a composite roof may be for you.

Additionally, a composite roof may be in the cards if you are in your forever home. Let's be honest- if you've been told you need a roof replacement, you're probably not happy about it.

What are the chances you'll want to replace your roof again later on down the road? They're probably not that high. With a composite roof, you can live in the comfort of knowing the chances of another roof replacement are minimal.

3. Composite Shingles Are Environmentally Friendly

Taking care of our planet is important. For many people, being environmentally friendly is biking to work, recycling more, and being conscious of using plastic materials.

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For homeowners, you can take it one step further by using composite shingles on your roof.

Composite shingles are made out of recyclable or already recycled materials. By using these shingles, you are not putting additional materials into landfills.

If the environment is at the forefront of your mind, composite shingles may be the ideal shingle for your roof.

The Disadvantages of Composite Shingles

1. The Higher Cost

While composite shingles are cheaper than slate or cedar shake shingles, they are still two to three times more expensive than traditional asphalt shingles.

Some may say the benefits of the shingles outweigh the cost. But if you have a strict budget to stick to, there are cost-effective options that won't hurt your checkbook.

2. You'll Have to Search For a Specialty Contractor

When it comes to composite shingles, you can't just go with any roofing contractor.

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You will want to find a roofing contractor that is factory-certified to install composite shingle roofing systems. If you don't, the roof may be installed incorrectly, and the warranties will be voided.

Make sure to ask potential roofing companies for their manufacturer's certification to ensure that they are the best roofer to take on this project.

How to Tell if Composite Shingles are the Right Shingle For Your Home

There are a ton of shingle options out there, but how do you know which one is the best for your home?

If you are considering composite shingles as an option, here are a few questions to consider:

- How will composite shingles fit in with your neighborhood?
- Are composite shingles in your budget?
- Are you prepared to search around for a roofing contractor certified to install composite shingles?
- Do you want to invest in an environmentally friendly option?
- Are you living in your forever home?

If you answered "yes" to **2-3 of these questions**, then composite shingles may be for you. If you didn't, you may want to consider other shingle options.

Chapter 5

Wooden Shingles

Wooden Shingles

Introduction

For those with cabins or homeowners who imagine a rustic vibe for their home, wooden shingles may be the go-to option for roofing.

While expensive, wooden shingles are undoubtedly beautiful. But, there's more to them than meets the eye.

We are going to discuss the potential benefits and drawbacks of wooden shingles, including their maintenance. In the end, you'll be able to come to a decision of whether or not these shingles are worth your time.



Wooden Shingles

What is a Cedar Shake (Wooden) Roof?

A cedar shake roof is one of the premium roofing materials you can use. The shingles are made out of natural wood and give a natural, woodsy look to your home.

Cedar shake roofs function the same as any other roof type. However, there are some key differences that set them apart.

To make the shingles, large cedar trees are cut into two-foot sections and are hand-split or tapered. Hand split will give a more rough finish, while tapered will appear smoother.



The Two Benefits of a Cedar Shake Roof

1. Cedar Shake Roofs Offer a Unique Style

Do you want a roof that looks natural and woodsy? A roof that is aesthetically pleasing and adds curb appeal to your home?

If you are willing to look past the price, a cedar shake roof can provide the cabin aesthetic to your home that you are looking for.

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2. Cedar Shake Roofs Can Last Up To 30 Years

If maintained, a cedar shake roof can last up to **30 years**.

That means if you are in your forever home and want to put a roof on your house and not have to replace it again, you will have a good shot at that dream with a cedar shake roof.

The Problems With Cedar Shake Roofs

1. Cedar Shake Roofs Require A Lot of Maintenance

After installing a cedar shake roof, eight maintenance steps need to be followed to ensure your roof's integrity.

Amongst the maintenance routines are algaecide and fungicide treatments, power washing your roof, doing regular inspections for broken or rotten shingles, and more.

Maintenance is crucial because your roof is at a higher risk for rot and leaks without it.

With maintenance, your roof should last around 30 years. Without it, it may only last 15.

Protecting your costly investment means maintenance, and most may not have the time or the budget for it.

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2. The Costs Add Up Even After Installation

Maintenance on cedar shake roofs doesn't just require your time. With annual treatments and cleanings, you may be paying a professional additional money to take care of your roof.

Additionally, cedar shake shingles can rot and crack easily if weathered or not properly maintained. Those shingles will have to be replaced by a specialty contractor as soon as possible to protect your roof from further damage.

3. Cedar Shake Roofs Require A Specialty Contractor

Not only is installation different from other roofing types, cedar shake roof repairs will be more complex.

To ensure that all cedar shake roofs are installed correctly, and all repairs will be high quality, you will want a contractor who specializes in cedar shake roofs.

This can be a disadvantage if there are no contractors that install cedar shake roofing in your area. You may have to search outside of your city to find a reputable contractor who's up to the task.

This may take additional time, and they may be more expensive than your average roofer.

However, you must find a good contractor so that manufacturer warranties aren't voided, and you will get a roof that meets your standards.

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Should You Get a Cedar Shake Roof?

Cedar shake roofing can be complex, but here are some questions you should consider to help you decide whether or not it's for you:

- What is the typical style of roof in my neighborhood?
- How much time do I want to put into roof maintenance?
- Does cedar shake roofing fit into my budget?
- Is there a specialty contractor in your area?

If cedar shake roofing is in your budget, there's a contractor in your area, and you are up to the maintenance, then cedar shake roofing may be in your future.





Chapter 6

How to Choose

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How to Choose the Best Shingle Style for Your Home

While it takes some fun out of the buying process, there is more to roofing than simply choosing a color.

A few other significant decisions need to be made before a roof can be installed. The biggest question is: what shingle type should I choose for my home?

In the United States, asphalt shingles are popular. However, they are not the only material to choose from.

There are metal roofs, slate and clay roofs, composite roofs – and many more.

So, how do you tell which roof is best for you?

5 Questions to Ask Before Buying Roof Shingles

Now that you have all of the information about each shingle material, there are still a few questions to answer to determine which will be the best fit for your home.

Here are the top five questions to ask before making a decision:

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1. Which Shingle Has the Best Appearance?

This is a question to solely determine what looks you would like for your home. **There is no right or wrong answer, only opinions.**

In all of your roofing research, you may have discovered a shingle material that other homeowners hate, but you love the look of. That's okay! Not everyone has the same taste or vision for their home.

As long as you are financially capable of purchasing the shingle and you believe it's beautiful, then you may have found the perfect roof type for your home.

2. What Shingle Style is in My Neighborhood?

If there is a similar shingle style throughout your neighborhood, you might feel uncomfortable sticking out. That is why we recommend going with a similar shingle-style prevalent throughout your area.

Typically, this will be asphalt shingles. However, if you live in a warmer climate, slate or clay shingles might be more popular.

However, if you find the type of roof you want and it doesn't match the neighborhood- don't let that deter you.

As long as there are no Homeowners Associations with rules to follow, there are no repercussions to choosing a style different from the status quo.

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3. Do I Have to Get My Shingles Approved?

We've all heard the horror stories about those pesky HOAs. Don't fall into hundreds, potentially thousands of dollars in fees. Always do your research to see if there are rules regarding what materials can be used.

Check-in with your local HAO to see what shingle styles and colors are allowed. This will narrow down the selection that you will have.

4. What is My Budget?

Shingle prices can vary greatly from material to material.

Premium materials like slate, metal, and wood are going to be much more pricey than your traditional asphalt shingle.

If you have a lower budget where you will need cost-effective options, that will narrow down your choices. You may have to go with the traditional asphalt shingle to save on costs.

While you might get better durability with premium materials, there are still benefits to sticking with the asphalt shingles, like a lower price, 50-year warranties, and many color choices.

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5. Is This My Forever Home?

If you don't plan on staying in a home for long, there may not be many benefits to adding on a metal, slate, or cedar shake roof. The materials are pricey, the maintenance can be complex, and may not significantly affect the resale value.

You can still get a roof that adds a lot of curb appeal with a cost-effective material that will save you money in the long run.

However, if you are in your forever home, you might want to invest more money into your roof to get something long-lasting.

Reflect on whether or not this is a temporary housing situation. The answer may impact how much money you want to spend on a new roof.



Conclusion

Picking the Right Shingle Style for Your Home

Buying a new roof can be anxiety-inducing, but ideally, picking a shingle style can be the fun part.

You've learned everything there is to know about asphalt, metal, clay, composite, and wooden shingles including the pricing and benefits. Additionally, we've taught you the 5 main questions you need to ask before picking your roof style.

Now that you have the information you need to succeed in the roofing industry you can make an informed decision about the style of your home. Not only will you be able to pick the shingle that looks best, but you now have a better understanding of what exactly they can do to keep your home and family safe.

If you're looking for a roofing contractor in southeastern Wisconsin - you're in luck! Rescue My Roof understands how frustrating the roofing process can be. That is why we've been **serving homeowners for over a decade**, and have **rescued the roofs of thousands of homes across Wisconsin**.

You can get a head start on your roof replacement by contacting us to get a **free, fast, and honest roof evaluation**.

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