

Roof Checkup Guide for Property Owners

A checkup on your roof system in the fall and spring will help diagnose potential problems early.

NRCA (National Roof Contractors Association) recommends you hire a professional roofing contractor to assist you with checking your roof. However, Precision Roof Crafters realizes many homeowners prefer to perform an initial inspection themselves. If you prefer to go that route, following are some important tips to get you started.

When cleaning your gutters or inspecting your roof system, remember important ladder safety tips:

- Make sure the ladder is on solid, level ground.
- Secure the ladder at the top to prevent it from slipping.
- Inspect the ladder, rungs and rails for damage.
- Extend the ladder at least 3 feet beyond the gutter, and angle it 1 foot back from the house for every 4 feet in eave height.
- Always use both hands when climbing the ladder.

Once on the ladder, depending on what type of roof you have, you should look for:

- Shingles that are buckling, curling or blistering; this indicates the end of the shingles' life expectancy.
- Excessive amounts of shingle granules in your gutters; granules give shingles added weight and protect them from ultraviolet rays.
- Tiles that are damaged or shifting.
- Seams on flat roof materials that are separating.
- Areas on flat roofs where water may be ponding.
- Seams on metal roof panels that are separating.
- Loose material or wear around ridges, walls, chimneys, pipes and other penetrations.

Before you hire a roofing contractor, do your homework:

- Check for a contractor's permanent place of business, telephone number and tax identification number.
- Check references from prior customers.

- Ask for [proof of insurance](#) (liability and workers' compensation*).
- Ask the contractor about material and workmanship warranties.

Use the following form to record your roof system's checkup each fall and spring.

Your roof system's health						
	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Cleaned gutters						
Checked shingles						
Inspected around chimneys and pipes						
Checked interior walls and ceilings for water damage						
Called a professional roofing contractor						

If you diagnose a problem, please contact us, your Houston Roofing Contractor.