

Warning Signs That You May Need A New Roof

(NAPS) — One way to keep home maintenance costs from going through the roof is to inspect your roof on a regular basis.

To help prevent leakage and damage to the inside of your home, it can pay to check for weather-related wear and tear.

Weather extremes can be really rough on a roof. Ultra violet rays can cause shingle deterioration. Temperature extremes can damage shingles. Wind gusts can blow them off. Wind-driven rain can damage your roof and attic.

A few tips from the experts at GAF Materials Corporation, a leading roofing manufacturer, may help you recognize such damage and know what it means.

Here's what to look for:

Leakage in the attic after a driving rain.

Possible causes: leaky or inadequate shingle underlayment or deteriorated flashing.

Blistering and/or peeling of Inside or outside paint.

Possible cause: Excessive moisture or high humidity due to poor attic ventilation.

Stains on Interior ceilings and walls.

Possible causes: inadequate or faulty shingle underpayment allowing leakage from ice dams.

Roof shingle, sheathing or siding decay.

Possible cause: poor attic ventilation.

Missing, cracked or curling shingles.

Possible cause: shingles have reached the end of their useful life.

Dark, dirty-looking areas on your roof.

Possible cause: environmental pollutants, vegetation, fungus or algae growth; loss of granules due to age of shingles.