



5 Signs Your Roof Needs Attention

Your roof may be the most valuable part of your home. A good roof protects you from outside elements and keeps your belongings safe and dry. It's all too easy, however, to forget about maintaining your roof until it's too late. Here are some signs to watch for:

- 1. Your roof's shingles are curling.** If you notice that your shingles are curling up instead of laying flat, that means your house isn't venting properly and should be inspected. Your roof's soffits take air in and vents on the roof move air out, providing good ventilation. Sometimes insulation is blocking your vents or soffits need to be replaced. When ventilation is poor, it causes your attic to get too hot, which leads to shingles being "cooked" and they begin to curl. "The number one reason for the shortened life cycle of shingles is poor ventilation," noted Mike Neal, co-owner of Neal's Custom Exterior.
- 2. Shingles are missing.** Be sure to check your home over after a wind storm to see if all of your shingles are intact. Again, just because a few shingles are missing, doesn't mean you have to get a new roof, but it may be a sign that your roof is nearing replacement time.
- 3. You've had the same roof for more than 19 years.** The average life cycle for a roof is 15-20 years. Avoid costly repairs by replacing your roof as it's life cycle comes to an end.
- 4. There are water spots on your ceiling.** If you notice water spots on your ceiling, have your roof inspected immediately. It may be a vent needs to be re-installed, but no matter what the issue, if moisture is involved, address it right away to avoid mold and other moisture problems.
- 5. You recently experienced a hail storm.** Even if you do not see visible damage from the ground, small pocks from hail stones can weaken the integrity of your roof.



If you experience any of these warning signs, give Neal's Custom Exterior a call at 765-529-6087 or visit <http://nealscustomexterior.com/contact> to set up a free roof inspection.