



WINTER-PROOF YOUR HOME

FALL ROOF MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

WARNING SIGNS & SOLUTIONS

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1. You See Missing or Damaged Shingles

Winter storms can loosen or crack shingles, leaving your roof vulnerable to leaks and interior damage. Replace with durable asphalt or metal roofing designed to withstand harsh New England weather.

2. Gutters Are Overflowing or Detached

Clogged or sagging gutters allow water to back up, causing roof edge damage and siding rot. Upgrading to seamless gutters ensures proper drainage and protects your home from moisture issues.

3. There's Mold, Algae, or Moss Growth

Dark streaks or green patches on your roof are caused by algae feeding on moisture, especially in shady areas. This growth can stain your roof and weaken shingles. GAF shingles with StainGuard Plus™ time-release algae-fighting granules protect your roof longer—keeping it clean, strong, and beautiful for a lifetime.

4. Flashing Around Vents or Chimneys Is Damaged

Flashing seals roof openings like chimneys and vents to keep water out. When it cracks or lifts, leaks follow. GAF WeatherWatch® leak barriers offer added protection where roofs are most vulnerable. Make sure your installer extends it at least 6 ft. up from the eave.

5. Attic Shows Signs of Leaks

Water stains, mold, or musty odors in the attic often mean moisture is slipping past your roof's surface. Replacing your roof with Tiger Paw™ under-layment provides a watertight seal and protects your home from hidden damage.

6. Check Your Attic Ventilation to Prevent Ice Dams

Trapped attic heat melts roof snow that refreezes at the eaves, forcing water back up under your shingles. Installing a GAF Ridge Vent system promotes proper airflow, keeping your roof deck cold and helping stop ice dams before they start.

7. Shingles Are Lifting or Curling

Shingles that curl, lift, or blow off in high winds mean your roof's edges weren't properly sealed—or have started to fail. Using GAF Starter Strip Shingles help prevent shingle blow-off by creating a secure, sealed edge at the roof line.

8. Your Roof Is Over 15 Years Old

Older roofs often have brittle shingles, poor ventilation, and granule loss. Upgrade to a GAF Lifetime Roofing System with starter strips, ridge caps, and certified installation—all backed by a lifetime warranty.

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