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Installing a new roof is a major investment that you thankfully only need to do every few decades. Making sure that you have a quality new roof is important so that you don't need to worry about if it's done right.

Whether you want to do it yourself or hire professional roofers, we've got you covered with what you need to consider when installing new roofs.

1. New Roof Design

The general rule is that a roof lasts 20-25 years, depending on what materials you use. Even though asphalt shingles are one of the most common roofing materials, you could also choose shake, tile, metal, or many others.

Consider the lifespan of each material and see which fits more economically with your budget or investment plan. Metal roofs may come with a price tag up to three times regular asphalt shingles, but they do last longer and help with the resale value.

2. Roof Installation Costs

There is a lot to consider when choosing the best roof for your budget. While it may be tempting to choose the least expensive option, you could find yourself dealing with more problems.

On average, homeowners can expect to pay anywhere from \$5000-\$11000 nationwide.

Your installation costs will depend on the material, where you live, whether or not you'll need to replace parts of your roof frame, and if you need additional weather protection. Cost is broken down to 40% materials and 60% labor.

3. Roof Installation Service

Now, as you start calling local roofing companies to get quotes, it's important to be wary. The last thing you want is to pay for a roof only to have problems arise. Search for certified installers, ask your friends for companies they trust, and always double-check your contract.

Two other key documents needed include a building permit and a confirmation letter from your contractor's insurance company to ensure coverage. Finally, before the roofers pack up and leave, make sure they collect all the nails peeled from the roof. If they don't, these nails could pop tires, be run over by the lawnmower, etc.

4. Common Roof Damage

Severe weather and other conditions can sometimes lead to roof damage. Spotting the warning signs early can hopefully help with preventative maintenance. See some examples below.

- Roof Rot
- Lichen or Mold Growth
- Curled, Cupped, or Cracked Shingles
- Ice Dams
- Discoloration
- Bald Spots
- Wind or Hail Damage
- Chimney Sealant Issues

Adding a gutter guard service, checking for rust, and properly insulating your roof will help prolong the lifespan of your new roof.

5. Weather Protection

Depending on where you live, you will have different types of weather concerns. Extreme weather conditions, like high winds, or lots of snow or rain require more weather-specific protection.

It will also impact your decision to either pull or layer existing roofing. While you can have two roofing layers and still comply with building codes, it can add additional stress on your roof. Work with your installation service to decide which path is best.

While you're considering what to do, don't forget to make sure your roof is properly ventilated and insulated. Adding a protective layer of moisture barrier and including valleys and vents will help to prevent dangerous ice dams and moisture problems.

Installing New Roofs in 2021

When it comes to installing new roofs, you've got a lot to consider. Thankfully there are helpful roofing services and designers who can find the best investment for your home.

Want to learn more about home renovation projects? We've got you covered. Check out the rest of our page for homeowner tips.