

Roof Replacements

The roof on your home plays an important role in keeping you and your family protected from the elements, so it's important to make sure that it is always in excellent condition. In some cases, though, a roof replacement might make more sense than repairs. Alco Roofing can help homeowners in the Austin, TX area decide whether it's best to repair their roofs or replace them.

How Old is Your Roof?

When determining whether your roof should be repaired or replaced, the first thing we consider is the age of the roof. According to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)), the average asphalt shingled roof - the most common roof type in Texas - should last between 20 and 50 years. The exact lifespan of your roof will vary a great deal depending on factors like the quality of the materials used and the quality of the installation itself. If your roof is more than 20 years old and you have already invested a great deal in repairs, it may be time to start considering a replacement.

Have You Noticed Damage?

The best way to get the most out of your roof involves scheduling a roof tune-up once each year, even when it is still new. During these tune-ups, Alco Roofing professionals will look for any potential signs of damage, which might include curling, buckling, or missing shingles. We pay special attention to the areas of the roof that are exposed to the most sun and wind as these are far more prone to damage. Another surefire sign that your roof is aging is the presence of asphalt granules in your gutters and on the ground around your home. This indicates that the protective coating on the shingles has started to wear away, leaving your roof far more vulnerable to the elements.

Are You Experiencing Frequent Problems?

Although age and specific types of damage and wear are good indicators that you may need to replace your roof, the frequency and the severity of roof-related problems will ultimately determine the need for a new roof. For example, if your roof is 15 years old, you've maintained it well, and you've only ever needed one major repair after a serious hailstorm, it makes sense to repair the next issue that occurs rather than replace the entire roof. On the other hand, if you have experienced frequent issues with leaks, or if your roof is visibly sagging and worn, repairs often won't solve these problems and a replacement will be your best bet.

If you are unsure about the condition of your roof and whether you need some repairs or a complete replacement, the team at Alco Roofing can help. Our licensed professionals can provide you with their assessment of the condition of your roof and help you make the best choice possible for your home, your family, and your budget.