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Fall Roofing Checklist

A quick homeowner guide to getting your roof ready for snow, ice, wind, and freezing temperatures.

Safety first: Most warning signs can be spotted from the ground, an upstairs window, or inside your attic. Leave roof-level inspections, cleaning, and repairs to qualified professionals.

☐ Clear Gutters & Downspouts

What to look for: Leaves, sticks, blocked downspouts, sagging gutters, or large amounts of shingle granules.

Why it matters: Blockages can cause water backup and contribute to ice dams and leaks.

Call a roofer when: Water is backing up near the roofline or you see heavy granule loss or roof-edge damage.

☐ Watch for Moss & Overhanging Branches

What to look for: Branches touching or hanging over the roof and green moss patches on shingles.

Why it matters: Branches can scrape shingles and trap debris; moss holds moisture against the roof.

Call a professional when: Branches touch the roof, moss is widespread, or shingles appear damaged.

☐ Look for Damaged or Missing Shingles

What to look for: Missing, loose, cracked, curling, buckling, bare, or uneven-looking shingles.

Why it matters: Damaged shingles leave the roof more vulnerable to rain, snow, ice, and leaks.

Call a roofer when: You see missing shingles, widespread wear, bare spots, or noticeable damage.

☐ Check for Sagging or Uneven Areas

What to look for: From the ground, check the overall roofline for dips, sagging, or sections that sit unevenly.

Why it matters: Sagging can indicate problems with the roof decking or supporting structure, and heavy snow can add more stress.

Call a roofer when: You see any visible sagging or a change in the roofline. Have it evaluated before winter weather arrives.

☐ Check Chimneys, Skylights, Vents & Flashing

What to look for: Visible gaps, cracked sealant, loose materials, rust, or deterioration around roof openings and seam.

Why it matters: These areas are common entry points for water.

Call a roofer when: You notice damaged flashing, gaps, deterioration, or nearby interior water stains.

☐ Inspect Your Attic

What to look for: Water stains, damp areas, condensation, musty odors, visible mold, or daylight through the roof.

Why it matters: The attic can reveal leaks or ventilation problems that are not obvious outside.

Call a roofer when: You find active moisture, recurring stains, visible openings, or signs water is getting in.

☐ Watch for Leaks or Water Damage

What to look for: Ceiling or wall stains, peeling or bubbling paint, damp spots, musty odors, or active dripping.

Why it matters: Small stains can be early signs of a roof leak and may worsen during winter.

Call a roofer when: Stains are new or growing, moisture returns after rain, or you see active leaking.

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