



Workplace Safety



Prevent Leaks & Protect Your Building: The Importance of Knowing When to Inspect Your Roof

Inspection is a critical component of roof maintenance to monitor and manage the impacts of aging, the elements, and weather events. Regular assessments are essential to identify vulnerabilities and minor issues early on, thereby preventing them from developing into significant and costly repairs to not just the roof, but the building itself.



Undetected leaks can compromise structural components, insulation, and internal building materials, and may also release hazardous substances like asbestos and lead-based paint, significantly increasing remediation costs. Given the expansive size of many institutional buildings, effectively managing substantial amounts of rainwater and snow on the roof is crucial for safeguarding the structure. Additionally, inspections are often necessary to meet warranty and insurance requirements.

1. Winter Roof Inspection Basics

- When to inspect before winter weather
- Key signs and conditions to look for

2. Anticipating Snow and Ice Hazards

- Common risks from snow accumulation, ice dams, and freeze-thaw cycles
- Preventive measures to reduce damage, including marking items for identification and management

3. Developing a Roof Snow Management Plan

- Essential components of a written plan
- Roles, responsibilities, and communication protocols

4. Understanding Snow Load and Distribution

- How snow load affects roof structures
- Techniques for safe and effective snow removal

5. Worker Safety for Working on the Roof

- Safe access and equipment use
- Fall protection and hazard controls

DATE & TIME

Wednesday
December 10th, 2025
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

LOCATION Virtual

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