

What You Should Know About Residential Metal Roofing

VALUABLE INVESTMENT

While the initial cost for a premium metal roof is higher than most other roofing materials, you'll save money in the long run. A metal roof can last a lifetime, whereas materials like asphalt require re-roofing every 10 to 20 years. A metal roof can also increase the resale value of your home. In some states, like Texas, a metal roof can even lower your homeowner's insurance by 35%.

LONG LASTING

The average life of a non-metal roof is 17 years. Asphalt can require re-roofing every 10 to 20 years, often sooner. But a metal roofing system offers unmatched durability, lasting 2 to 3 times longer. Chances are good that a metal roof will be the last roof you ever install on your home.

BEAUTIFUL VARIETY

No matter what kind of roofing style, color or finish you have now, there's a metal roofing style to match. Today's metal roofing looks just like common roofing material such as asphalt shingle, clay tile, cedar shake or slate. However, metal lasts at least 2 to 3 times longer.

STRONG AND DURABLE

Non-metal roofing material begins to deteriorate as soon as it's exposed to elements such as the UV rays of the sun, temperature changes, severe storms, and high winds. A metal roof will never deteriorate, and can withstand most everything Mother Nature throws its way.

ENERGY EFFICIENT

Metal roofing in light colors reflects heat effectively to reduce cooling loads in the summer and insulates homes during the winter. That can help to lower energy bills.

LONG WARRANTIES

Most metal roofing comes with a true 30 to 50 year manufacturer warranty, plus a workmanship warranty from the installer.

MYTHS UNCOVERED

LIGHTING

A metal roof will absolutely not increase the likelihood of lightning striking your home. However, if your home were hit by lightning, your metal roof would disperse the energy safely throughout the structure. Since metal roofing isn't combustible or flammable, it's a low risk and desirable roofing option where severe weather is concerned, especially for lightning.

NOISE

This may surprise you, but metal roofing is often quieter than an asphalt shingle roof. When installed with solid sheathing, a metal roof on your home will actually silence noise from rain, hail and bad weather, many times much better than other roofing materials.

RUST

Today's metal roofing systems are built to last. Steel metal roofing has a "metallic coating" made of either zinc or a combination of zinc and aluminum. This metallic coating prevents rust from forming and is bonded to the steel at the factory. Paint is then applied over the metallic coating to provide the long-lasting color homeowners desire.

DENTS

In most cases, a metal roof can withstand decades of abuse from extreme weather like hail, high winds, and heavy snow. A typical hail storm will not dent your metal roof. Today's systems also have a 120-mph wind rating (equal to an F2 tornado), meaning your metal roof is also safe from wind gusts that can accompany hail storms.

DURABILITY

Many people think you can't (or shouldn't) walk on a metal roof, but the truth is that you can safely walk any metal roof without damaging it. Before you walk your roof, however, we recommend you talk to your installed or roof manufacturer first. They will have the details on how to walk the particular roof you have, based on the style you chose and your roof pitch.

The two most important factors in calculating cost are the style of roofing and the shape and pitch of your home's roof.