

# WINTER-READY ROOF CHECKLIST

Before the cold sets in, make sure your roof is ready to handle winter weather.  
Check off each item to stay protected all season long!

## INSPECT YOUR ROOF SURFACE

- Look for missing, cracked, or curling shingles
- Check for loose flashing around chimneys, vents, and skylights
- Identify any soft spots or sagging areas that could indicate trapped moisture

## CLEAN GUTTERS & DOWNSPOUTS

- Remove leaves, sticks, and debris to prevent ice dams
- Make sure downspouts are directing water away from your foundation
- Inspect for any loose sections or leaks in your gutter system

## CHECK ATTIC INSULATION & VENTILATION

- Proper insulation helps prevent ice dam formation
- Ensure your attic has good airflow to reduce condensation
- Look for signs of water stains or mold that could mean hidden leaks

## EXAMINE FLASHING & SEALANTS

- Inspect all roof penetrations (vents, chimneys, skylights)
- Replace any cracked or dried sealant
- Make sure metal flashing is tight and corrosion-free

## TRIM OVERHANGING BRANCHES

- Cut back limbs that could snap under snow or ice
- Remove dead branches near your home to reduce storm damage risk

## CHECK FOR INTERIOR WARNING SIGNS

- Look for stains on ceilings or walls
- Note any musty smells (a sign of leaks or trapped moisture)
- Monitor drafts or cold spots that may indicate roof or attic issues

## SCHEDULE A PROFESSIONAL ROOF INSPECTION

- Have a licensed roofer (like Horizon!) perform a winter-readiness inspection
- Ask about preventive maintenance or small repairs before temperatures drop
- Get a roof health report so you know what to expect this season

Bonus Tip: After the first freeze or snowfall, check your gutters and roofline again—early action prevents costly winter damage.