



It's Your Roof!

Is Your Roof Ready For Autumn?

The summer is done and October has arrived. Now that autumn is here it's time to get your roof ready for the coming rainy season.

Here are a few things to do to get your roof ready for the cool, wet weather ahead:

- ☁ Do a visual check for missing or damaged shingles and flashing. You want to get those replaced as soon as possible to prevent moisture penetration that can lead to major repair costs down the road.
- ☁ Check inside the attic for any signs of water or insect penetration. Get up in the attic and check all the rafters and the underside of the roof sheathing. Check around all pipes or vents for leaks.
- ☁ Clear your gutters/downspouts of leaves and debris (or weeds). Autumn leaves are coming so you do not want to start the season with clogged gutters. It is also a good time to check for sagging or broken sections. When gutters back up with water, that moisture can penetrate the edge of the roof decking and cause shingle damage. Once the gutters are cleaned you may want to install leaf or foam gutter guards.
- ☁ If you have a chimney, have it professionally checked and cleaned.
- ☁ Trim any trees that are close to or overhang your roof. Autumn winds and storms can bring tree branches down, causing extensive damage to your roof. In addition, the leaves from those trees are the main culprits for clogging up your gutters.

Repairing roofs and gutters is a job for most homeowners. It is your roof and it's up to you to make sure your roof is ready for the cooler, wet weather ahead.

For those who are unable to perform roof and gutter repair tasks, ask a family member or friend to lend a hand.

If you are in a Rental Unit, make an appointment with the Housing Department to get the work done before the rain season is in full swing.

