



Your Guide to Choosing the Right Roofing Material



Roofing Materials

The material you choose for your roof should not only be based on aesthetics, but more importantly on performance. While cost is a big factor to consider, there are other factors based on the type of material.



Asphalt Shingles

Since the cost of asphalt shingles are low, they are one of the most popular roofing materials. However, they aren't nearly as durable as other options and will need to be replaced at least every 20 years.



Metal Roofing

When properly installed, metal roofing will be impermeable, impenetrable and may last for 50+ years. Energy efficient, they also require less maintenance. The disadvantage? It's definitely not the most affordable option around.



Wood Shingles

The look of the western red cedar can be extremely attractive. There's something cozy to it. But it's worth remembering that wood shingles tend to be more prone to splitting over time, especially if you live in a particularly rainy area.



Slate Tiles

Slate tiles can last up to a century and are waterproof, fireproof, and resistant to mold and mildew growth. Slate tiles are more expensive and are more easily broken than other roofing materials.



Clay Tiles

While durable and long lasting like slate, clay tiles require additional support to handle the extra weight. They are ideal in areas that are prone to tornadoes and hurricanes as well as dry climates.



Solar Shingles

One of the more innovative types of roofing materials are solar tiles. These are more expensive to have installed, but in sunny areas can help lower energy bills. There are several options here including tiles that can be integrated into traditional shingles.



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