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STEPS TO GETTING YOUR ROOF REPLACED THE RIGHT WAY

BELOW IS AN OUTLINE USED IN A PRESENTATION THAT WAS GIVEN TO THE CITY OF CLEVELAND HEIGHTS AND THEIR RESIDENTS AT CITY HALL IN THE SPRING OF 2006. WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU USE THIS AS A QUESTION SHEET OR GUIDE WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A ROOFER TO REPLACE YOUR ROOF. HOPEFULLY THIS HELPS YOU THROUGH THE PROCESS AND MAKES IT AS SIMPLE AS IT SHOULD BE.

I. How To Be Able To Tell If You Need A New Roof

- A. Shingles have curled appearance
- B. Shingles look like they are starting to disintegrate
- C. Homeowner has a number of leaks
- D. The roof appears to have poor workmanship

II. How To Choose A Roofer

- A. Ask around
 - 1. Neighbors may have had positive influence with roofer
 - 2. Call your city's building department
- B. Check out bidders with the Better Business Bureau or Angie's List
- C. Don't hesitate to ask for references
- D. Make sure the roofer is registered with city and pays workmen's compensation
- E. Question about subcontracting
- F. Make sure every bid includes exactly what the roofer will be doing to the roof
- G. Don't go for the lowest bid all the time
 - 1. Compare apples to apples
 - 2. Many times lowest bid sub contracts
 - 3. Usually abnormally low bidders equal shoddy workmanship/cleanup

III. Picking A Shingle- Dimensional, 3 Tab, and more

- A. Shingle Warranties
- B. Algae Resistant
- C. Flat Roofs

IV. Preparing For The Job

- A. Cover any valuables in attic
- B. Make sure to take any valuables down off wall
- C. Make sure roofer gets permit

V. Roofing Procedures And Materials (Make sure all of this is included in your estimate)

- A. Damaged wood and popped wood
- B. Ice Guard- what is it? 3ft. or 6ft.?
- C. #30 vs. #15 Felt
- D. Flashings
 - 1. Chimney- Grinding out the mortar joint
 - 2. Valleys
 - 3. Stack
 - 4. Metal Edge
- E. Ventilation- Why is it so important? Black Mold, and Ice backup
 - 1. Concealed Ridge Vent- NO COBRA
 - 2. Box vents
 - 3. Fans
 - 4. Soffits
 - 5. Venting out bathroom fans and stoves
- F. Shingling
 - 1. Stapling vs. Nailing

VI. Preventing Winter Leaks

- A. Ice Guard
- B. Ventilation
- C. Insulation
- D. Ice Cables