## Why Spring is the Best Time for Roof Maintenance

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Every spring, home owners around the world make a special effort to get their houses clean and in order. Spring is the perfect time for these types of projects, because the weather is finally starting to warm back up after the winter, yet hasn't quite reached full summer heat. While many people focus their efforts on the interior of the home, the exterior is just as important, especially the roof. Experienced roofers, like those at Vertex Roofing, can help to determine what repairs or maintenance services your roof needs so it can keep you and your family safe and dry for many years to come.

## **Roof Maintenance in Utah**

Thanks to the cold winters in Utah, with temperatures often dropping below freezing, roof maintenance is crucial to protect your home from the elements. *Once the snow has melted, it is the perfect time to give your roof a preliminary inspection.* Extreme cold temperatures can cause roof shingles or binding agents to deteriorate or crack, which can lead to future leaks. *Always exercise caution when inspecting your roof.* Do the best you can to complete a thorough inspection, but leave walking and climbing on the roof itself to the professionals. In doing your preliminary check, watch out for:

- · Cracked, damaged or missing shingles or tiles
- Clogged gutters and other drainage problems
- Broken or fallen tree branches and other debris
- Rust or other signs of deterioration
- Loose or protruding nails
- Shingles that are loose due to damaged adhesive
- · Mold, rot, water staining and other indications of a leak

Basic maintenance, like clearing out the gutters and drainpipes or removing fallen branches and other debris, is relatively safe to complete on your own. More complicated



work, however, should be relegated to professional roofers. Entrusting this work to the experts can save you a lot of time and money down the road and ensures that the job is done right the first time.

## Maintenance vs. Repair

It is important to distinguish the difference between roof maintenance and roof repair. For most homes, full roof repair is likely not necessary every spring. Rather, *basic maintenance is usually enough to keep your roof in proper working order.* By periodically checking on your roof and maintaining its craftsmanship and quality, you can greatly extend the life of your roof so that it needs repairs far less often. This can save you a lot of money and headaches in the future. *Regular maintenance can also alert you to potential future issues that may arise,* giving you ample time to prepare and save up money to cover the cost. Nothing could be worse than having your roof cave in when you can't afford to fix it and have nowhere else to stay. Luckily, staying on top of your roof maintenance gives you the advance notice you need to take care of minor issues before they become serious problems. Vertex Roofing can help you keep up with the necessary maintenance this spring and for many more years in the future.

In the unfortunate event that your roof truly is beyond general maintenance and needs to be repaired or replaced, Vertex Roofing is here to help. Our highly experienced roofers have the knowledge and skills to handle all types of roof maintenance and repairs, for both residential and commercial properties. Before beginning any work on your roof, we will conduct a thorough inspection and provide you with a price estimate for the necessary repairs, all at no cost to you and with no obligation to buy. To schedule an appointment with us for your free consultation, you can use our online contact form, or call us at (801) 447-5412.

