

# Risks of Putting Off Roof Leak Repairs

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If you've looked out your window and noticed your neighbors undergoing roof repairs, there is a good chance that this may be something your home can benefit from as well. While the need for roof leak repairs is obvious, it is best not to wait until the outside starts coming in before you start thinking about this process. Putting off roof leak repairs can lead to even more problems, so it is best to deal with mild to moderate damage early in order to help keep yourself and your family protected.

## Preventing Structural Damage

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Even if you don't actually feel anything dripping, there could still be a leak in your roof that could be causing damage to the structure of your home, especially in the attic and ceiling area. Damage to the ceiling can easily start to affect the interior walls. In addition to ceiling damage, you may experience wood deterioration and damage to the ceiling joists and rafters. By staying on top of roof repairs, you can prevent many of these issues, and keep your roof functional through patching rather than being forced to replace your whole roof.

## Risks to Your Family's Health and Safety

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You may not expect it, but your family's everyday health and safety may be affected by your roof damage. A leaky roof can invite mold and mildew, especially if it gets into the insulation, which can travel through your home's HVAC system. This can leave you more vulnerable to the common cold or other illnesses. While most of the mold seen from water damage is non-toxic, the presence of mold and mildew in the home can aggravate allergies and be especially problematic for asthma sufferers.

## Potential Fire Hazard

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The longer leaks are allowed to remain in the roof, the more dangerous it is for the house as a whole, including the potential for a fire hazard. This is because the damage can start to affect the electrical system in the home and cause a wire to spark unexpectedly.

## Decreased Energy Efficiency, and Increased Costs

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If extra moisture is getting into your home via a leak in your roof, your heating and cooling system is also going to be compromised. Not only does your carbon footprint expand with this issue, but so do your energy bills.

## Everyday Safety

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If a roof leak is severe enough to cause dripping in your home, you will need to be concerned about everyday safety issues, such as slips and falls. These dangers can affect both family members and guests. No one likes to explain why unsightly buckets are strategically placed in their homes. And no one wants to see anyone get injured on their wet floor.

When it comes to home maintenance, there can be a lot to do. It can get a bit overwhelming at times. But staying one step ahead can help assure that your home keeps on protecting you as it should. Staying on top of roof leak repairs is key.

## Need to Repair Your Roof? Contact Vertex Roofing Today!

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