

7 Early Warning Signs Of Commercial Roof Failure

Replacing a commercial roof earlier than you anticipated can be a crippling expense. In most cases, your roof will give you some telltale warning signs that a major failure is on the way, sometimes months in advance. If you catch these early enough and have them addressed by a roofing professional, you can often limit the damage, put off that replacement for a few more years, and save a lot of money.

Here are 7 of the most common warning signs indicating you need a professional roof inspection ASAP.



Water Staining or Damage Inside the Building

Don't assume water stains on ceilings and walls indicate a plumbing issue. Any visible water inside the building warrants a roof inspection.



Bubbles/Blisters on Roof Surface

Bubbles or blisters indicate air and possible moisture trapped between roof layers. If left unaddressed, this can lead to severe degradation and eventual roof failure.



Ponding Water

A little standing water after heavy rainfall is expected. However, water should drain or evaporate within 48 hours, and your drainage system may not be working correctly if it doesn't.



Damaged Metal Flashing

Flashing plays a vital role in keeping moisture from penetrating your roofing system. Bent, cracked, dented, or corroded metal flashing must be repaired promptly.



Recent Severe Weather

Severe storms (especially high winds, hail, and torrential rain) are a leading cause of roof damage. Inspecting your roof after severe weather is always a good idea.



Musty Odors

Mold and mildew growth from water seepage often happens out of sight, making it hard to detect visually. Musty odors are a sure sign of moisture and need to be addressed.



Energy Bill Increase

Energy usage may fluctuate with the seasons, but it should stay more or less consistent from year to year. A sudden, unexpected change is often a sign of a roofing issue (typically, the reflective surfacing has worn off).

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