

Hints For The Home

Protect Your House With A Roof To Withstand Rough Weather



A good roof can help keep your home heating and cooling costs from going through, well, the roof.

(NAPSA)—While severe weather seems to be on the rise in the U.S.—the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says severe, often record-breaking snow, cold, drought, heat, floods, tornadoes and hurricanes combined to reach the greatest number of multibillion-dollar weather disasters in the nation's history—you can stay safe at home.

What You Can Do

The best place to start is with a durable roof backed by a solid warranty.

There are many different types of sturdy roofs available for residential applications. One of the most durable, proven to perform well in all climates, is Class 4 asphalt shingles. These shingles carry the highest impact resistance rating set by Underwriters Laboratories, an independent, not-for-profit product safety testing and certification organization.

What Works

Fortunately, a building products manufacturer in business for more than a century offers a variety of asphalt shingles. Each impact-resistant shingle option, such as the heavyweight Presidential Shake IR, has added fiberglass backing. This enhances the impact resistance over and above the

industry's already high standards, so the shingles can withstand the impact of a 2-inch steel ball dropped from 20 feet without cracking—and hailstones at 90 mph.

Most CertainTeed IR-rated shingles also include a lifetime limited warranty against defects and a standard 15-year, 110-mph-wind warranty provision. Additionally, some insurance companies offer homeowners a discount on their insurance policy for these types of shingles.

Cool Idea

For an even bigger environmental punch, solar reflective shingles with impact resistance, such as CertainTeed Landmark Solaris Gold IR, are not only durable, but also excellent for anywhere solar heat is a challenge. The shingle has been tested to reduce a roof's temperature by as much as 20 percent in hot sunny weather, which can lower utility bills. Plus, it comes in a palette of rich, authentic colors that make it an easy choice for eco-friendly living.

Learn More

For further facts about durable roofing or to find a credentialed contractor nearby, visit www.certainteed.com or call (800) 233-8990.