

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Selecting The Right Roofing Shingles

(NAPSA)—When the time comes for a new roof, today's homeowners can be on top of the situation. Whether building a new home or remodeling, selecting the right roofing involves more than aesthetics and cost. Factors such as building codes, climate and how long you intend to stay in the home can affect decisions about material, weather-impact resistance, warranty and solar reflective capability. The good news is there are now more roofing shingle options than ever before and curb appeal doesn't have to take a backseat to functionality.

Here's a look at a few:

- Strip shingles—the original, the most basic and most lightweight of roofing shingles—are single layered and generally designed to look like slate. Inexpensive and with a flat appearance on the roof line, strip shingles used to be the most popular shingle. Today, with significant advances in technology and consumer sophistication, strip shingles are primarily used by contractors building economy-priced homes or are purchased by homeowners for small repairs on homes that already have strip-shingle roofs.

- Dimensional shingles, or architectural laminated shingles, are now the predominant roofing shingles installed in North America. Manufactured as dual or multilayered, a dimensional shingle provides a thicker and richer appearance, with various shades and mixtures of colors and tones. A big plus for homeowners concerned about color, these shingles can be closely matched to complement exterior siding, trim and doors. Dimensional roofing shin-



The right roof shingles can improve your home's overall value and appearance.

gles are also typically heavier than strip roofing shingles, can be made with a higher impact resistance and are offered with improved warranty protections—from 30 years to lifetime.

- Premium shingles are laminated shingles, unlike traditional roofing shingles. Designs may mimic “old-world” roofing shingles, such as natural slate or shake shingles. These are a great choice for historical homes representing classic traditional architectural styles. For example, CertainTeed's Grand Manor provides enhanced aesthetic appeal. Premium roofing shingles also usually provide impact resistance or solar reflectivity, which can extend roof life and lower energy costs. CertainTeed's Landmark Solaris is a premium roofing shingle that offers solar reflectivity, improving your home's energy efficiency without sacrificing color choice.

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