

## WESTERN STATES ROOFING SYSTEM, INC.

### What to Expect When Installing a Roof

Having a roof replaced is an experience that many property owners go through at least once. While it can sound like a real headache, if you are aware of what to expect in advance, and plan ahead, you can enjoy a hassle-free roof repair process.

#### Inside and Outside - What to Expect from Your Roof Installation

**A great deal of debris - namely, your old roof** - will literally be thrown down from the top of your structure onto the ground below during this project. To minimize damage, the grounds should be cleared of everything that can be removed - lawn ornaments, hose, potted plants, etc. Valued landscaping/plant life should be marked with red tape and covered with tarp/ any in-ground sprinkler system should be visibly marked as well. Discuss this process with your contractor so you can be sure to leave adequate space for the workers to do their job. It's better to choose a small area of lawn as a designated 'sacrifice' than to deny them access to anything, which usually means debris will be thrown everywhere.

One advance precaution that most people forget until it's too late is to **warn the neighbors of the impending temporary increase in noise and traffic**. You yourself may want to make plans to be out the premises during working hours to avoid the loud sounds. If you need any one to move their vehicles to allow for a clearer path for the roofing trucks, make sure to give them plenty of notice, and offer to do the same for them should they ever need it.

**Many people don't consider that having work done on the roof outside can affect what's going on inside**. Persistent hammering and multiple people walking above can cause your structure to shake.

Start by looking up. **Anything mounted to the ceiling, whether it's hanging plants or chandeliers, is in danger of breaking** and/or causing cracks to form in the surrounding ceiling. Grab a ladder and a screwdriver, and take down whatever you can.

**After the ceilings have been cleared, turn to the walls** and take down any photographs, art, or other hanging objects. You will also want to be on the lookout for furniture and decorations vulnerable to heavy tremors, like a glass display or a vase resting on an unsteady table. You'll want to remove these items to safer locations until your new roof is complete.