



# 10 Essential Tips for Home Roofing Maintenance

Your roof is one of the most important investments in your home. With proper care and attention, you can extend its lifespan, prevent costly damage, and keep your family safe and dry.

At SCM Roofing, LLC, we've put together this quick guide with 10 essential maintenance tips every homeowner should know.

## 1. Inspect Your Roof Twice a Year

Perform visual inspections in spring and fall. Look for missing shingles, damaged flashing, or signs of wear before they turn into bigger issues.

## 2. Keep Gutters Clean

Clogged gutters cause water to back up under shingles, leading to leaks and rot. Clean them regularly, especially after storms or heavy leaf fall.

## 3. Trim Overhanging Branches

Tree branches can scrape shingles, drop debris, and invite pests. Keep them trimmed at least 6–10 feet away from your roof.

## 4. Check Attic Ventilation

Poor airflow causes heat and moisture buildup, which weakens shingles and rafters. Ensure vents are clear and working properly.

## 5. Look for Signs of Water Damage

Stains on ceilings or walls, damp insulation, or musty odors may point to a roof leak. Catching it early prevents expensive repairs.

## 6. Inspect Flashing and Sealants

Flashing around chimneys, skylights, and vents is a common leak source. Make sure it's sealed tightly and not rusting or pulling away.



## **7. Remove Roof Debris**

Leaves, branches, and dirt trap moisture and accelerate roof decay. Safely clear debris with a blower or soft broom—avoid pressure washing.

## **8. Watch for Moss and Algae**

Moss holds moisture, which can weaken shingles. Use a roof-safe moss/algae cleaner and zinc or copper strips to prevent regrowth.

## **9. Schedule Professional Inspections**

Even if your roof looks fine, have a licensed roofer check it every 2–3 years. Professionals spot issues homeowners often miss.

## **10. Act Quickly on Repairs**

Don't ignore minor damage. A missing shingle today can lead to thousands in water damage tomorrow. Timely repairs save money long term.

## **Bonus Tip: Plan for Replacement**

Most roofs last 20–30 years depending on materials and climate. Start budgeting and planning before the end of its life cycle sneaks up on you.

## **Final Thoughts**

Your roof protects everything under it. With regular maintenance and professional check-ups, you'll avoid costly surprises and ensure your home stays safe for years to come.

When in doubt, trust the professionals.

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