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Wind and Hail Damage / Roofing Replacement

The roof system is one of the most important parts of your home as well as one of the most expensive to repair or replace. The roof system takes a great deal of abuse from wind, hail, heat, ice and snow. If you have a damaged roof or one that is simply due for replacement here are a few topics to consider before beginning a roofing project. An experienced contractor should agree to work with your insurance company when evaluating storm damage.

- As mentioned above your roof is one of the most important parts of your home.
 - Selecting a trustworthy and qualified contractor is very important.
 - Your contractor should be local to your area - watch out for "out of town companies - storm chasers"
 - Remember - the lowest price is NOT always best - material and workmanship may be less than desired.
 - Certified Contractors have been trained to properly install manufactures products.
- Roofing materials:
 - Generally all asphalt shingle products now carry a "limited lifetime" manufactures warranty, if installed by a certified contractor.
 - The quality of materials included in a bid can greatly effect the cost.
 - When evaluating bids ask your contractor to clearly specify the materials being used.
 - It is generally not a good idea to cover up an existing roof, complete tear-off and replacement will provide for a better roof system long term.
 - Decking repair - the condition of the roof decking generally cannot be determined until after the old roof has been removed.

- Require your contractor to provide a "Unit Price" for any decking replacement that is discovered to be necessary. Understand this potential cost prior to selecting a contractor. Also require your contractor to review this condition with you in person before proceeding with repairs.
- Roof Vents, Flashing and Gutters:
 - Gutter replacement is many times needed if a roof replacement is related to storm damage.
 - Gutters are also an important part of your roof system. Proper flow and installation is key to directing water run off from your roof.
 - If gutters are not being replaced as part of your project require your contractor to protect them during the roof replacement project.
 - Flashing around chimneys and pipes should always be updated when you are replacing a roof, make sure your contractor has included it in the scope of work.
 - Roof vents / ridge vents should also be updated when you are replacing a roof.
 - Adding an attic fan is a good thing to consider as well, make this decision prior to replacing your roof.
- Please consider the dialog I have provided when planning a roof replacement project and always remember that a local contractor has a great deal more vested interest in delivering a successful project and standing behind the quality of work. If you have any concerns or questions don't hesitate to contact TsT Construction for professional help and guidance regarding storm damage and roof replacement. Hope this months tips are helpful, enjoy the spring weather!

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