

# Important Questions to Ask a Roofing Contractor

## 1. Are you licensed, bonded, and insured?

Ensure the contractor has the proper licensing, insurance, and bonding to protect you from liability and ensure legal compliance.

## 2. How long have you been in business locally?

Local contractors with years of experience have the reputation and reliability to handle your roofing project.

## 3. Can you provide recent local references?

Speak to recent customers about the contractor's work quality, communication, and project management.

## 4. Are you certified by roofing material manufacturers?

Certification from trusted manufacturers like GAF demonstrates expertise and access to enhanced warranty options.

## 5. What's your workmanship warranty?

A good roofer offers a solid warranty (at least 10 years) for their installation work, ensuring quality and peace of mind.

## 6. Can you provide a detailed written estimate?

Request an itemized quote with all costs, start dates, and clear payment terms to avoid misunderstandings.

## **7. How do you handle building permits and code compliance?**

Verify that the contractor will handle permits and ensure work meets local building codes, protecting your home's value.

## **8. What type of roofing materials do you recommend and why?**

Ask for recommendations based on your home's needs, climate, and budget, covering options like shingles, metal, or tile.

## **9. How do you protect my property during construction?**

Ensure the contractor takes precautions to protect your landscaping, vehicles, and exterior features from damage during the project.

## **10. What's your payment schedule and what payment methods do you accept?**

Understand the contractor's payment terms — avoid large upfront payments and ensure flexibility with payment options.

## **11. How long will my roofing project take?**

Get a timeline based on your roof's size and complexity, crew size, and work hours, with a realistic estimate that accounts for potential delays.

## **12. How do you handle weather delays and unexpected issues?**

Understand how the contractor plans for weather-related delays and any unexpected roof deck issues, ensuring temporary protection and clear communication.

## **13. What does your cleanup process include?**

Confirm that daily debris removal, magnetic nail sweeps, and gutter cleaning are included in the project to prevent damage and ensure safety.

## **14. How do you handle roof deck inspection and repairs?**

Ensure the contractor inspects the roof deck for damage and provides clear pricing for necessary repairs, using proper materials for the job.

## **15. If there's a problem after completion, how do I reach you?**

Ask for clear contact information for follow-up issues and understand the warranty claim process, ensuring long-term customer support.

