

Asphalt Shingles

- Clean all debris from the surface of the roof. This includes debris that has gathered behind pipes and pitch pans, and any other roof penetrations. Debris has a tendency to hold water, and water will expedite roof deterioration, especially if your roof is asphalt based such as a built-up roof or asphalt shingles.
- If your roof is starting to collect moss or algae, install some zinc or lead control strips.
- Check all flashings and make sure that they are not deteriorated and there are no holes in them.
- Keep algae off of the roof surface. Install [zinc control strips](#) along the hips and ridges if necessary.
- Dab some roof cement under any loose shingle tabs. One dab on either side should do.
- Replace any damaged shingles.
- Keep all gutter free of debris. Make sure that the downspouts are draining properly by water testing them.
- Trim back any overhanging tree branches.
- Check the metal for rust. Wire brush the rust then prime and paint the metal. If rust is prevalent, it can be removed using Rust-Away® Oxidation and Corrosion Remover.
- Check all caulking and sealants. Scrape and remove any caulking that is weather cracked and damaged. Clean the area thoroughly. Use a wire brush if necessary. Reapply a polyurethane caulking such Vulkem, NP-1, or equivalent.
- Check the mortar on chimneys and parapet walls, both in between the brick and on top. If it's damaged or deteriorated, have it tuck-pointed. Any mason can perform this work.