



Winter Roof Preparedness Checklist

Get your Northern Indiana home ready **before** the first snowfall.
Print this out, walk your property, and check off each step.

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- ☐ **1. Schedule a professional roof inspection**
A trained eye catches cracked shingles, soft decking, and failing sealant before snow hides them. Asscher Roofing offers free estimates.
 - ☐ **2. Clean gutters & downspouts**
Clear leaves and debris in late fall so meltwater drains freely — clogged gutters are a top cause of ice dams.
 - ☐ **3. Replace damaged or missing shingles**
Even one missing shingle lets wind-driven snow and freeze-thaw cycles work under the surrounding shingles.
 - ☐ **4. Inspect flashing at chimneys, vents & skylights**
Look for rust, gaps, or cracked sealant. Flashing failures are the most common source of winter roof leaks.
 - ☐ **5. Trim overhanging tree branches**
Limbs within a few feet of the roofline can snap under snow and ice — trim them before storms do it for you.
 - ☐ **6. Check attic insulation & ventilation**
Poor insulation lets warm air melt roof snow, which refreezes at the eaves into ice dams. Keep the attic cold.
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7. Clear roof debris & treat moss

Leaves and needles trap moisture against shingles; moss lifts shingles and holds water underneath.



8. Seal vulnerable areas

Reseal exposed nail heads, pipe boots, and joints. Small gaps become big leaks under winter conditions.

■ Call a roofer now if you notice:

- Water stains on ceilings or walls
- Shingle granules piling up in gutters
- Sagging areas or daylight visible in the attic
- Icicles or ice dams along the eaves
- Shingles older than 20 years with widespread wear

Roofing work gets harder and more expensive once snow arrives. Everything on this list is easier, faster, and more affordable in the fall — start with a free inspection so you know exactly where you stand.

Get winter-ready with a FREE estimate

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