

Steep-Pitched Asphalt Shingle Roof Maintenance Checklist

Regular maintenance helps your roof last longer, prevents costly repairs, and keeps your home protected. Follow this seasonal checklist:

Safety First

- Use proper fall protection or hire a professional for any work on steep roofs.
- Never attempt roof work in wet, icy, or windy conditions.

Seasonal Inspections (Spring & Fall)

- Visual check from the ground for missing, curling, cracked, or lifted shingles.
- Check for shingle granule loss—excess granules in gutters may indicate wear.
- Inspect flashing around chimneys, skylights, and vents for integrity.
- Look for moss, algae, or lichen growth.

After Severe Weather

- Check for storm damage: missing shingles, torn ridge caps, or bent flashing.
- Look for debris impact marks from hail or falling branches.
- Schedule a professional inspection if in doubt.

Gutter & Downspout Maintenance

- Clean gutters at least twice a year to prevent water backup under shingles.
- Ensure downspouts direct water away from the foundation.

Moss & Algae Control

- Remove organic debris like leaves and twigs promptly.
- Install zinc or copper strips near the ridge to help prevent growth.
- Use a roof-safe moss/algae treatment as needed.

Attic & Ventilation Check

- Inspect attic for water stains, mold, or damp insulation.
- Ensure roof vents are clear for proper airflow.

Professional Maintenance

- Schedule a professional roof inspection every 1–2 years.
- Hire a licensed contractor for repairs—especially on steep roofs.

Pro Tip

- Document each inspection with photos for warranty or insurance purposes.