

Don't let winter rains catch you unprepared; fall to-do tips!

What a beautiful Indian summer we have enjoyed this late fall. Waking to the foggy and cool mornings reminds me that it is the ideal time to check rooftops for potential problems.

Having a regular roof maintenance schedule is a big part of our Columbia Roof Advantage and the Roof Owner's Interface (ROI) program, which consistently examines, maintains, and sometimes recommends roof replacement. When problem areas of your roof are addressed early, it often extends the life of your roof saving you thousands of dollars. It also keeps roofing materials out of landfills a bit longer.

Here are some fall to-do tips:

- Inspect the roof for mildew/moss accumulation and clean it if found
- Seek out possible leak sources such as splits and blisters in your roofing material
- Clean drains, gutters and rooftops of debris, leaves, pine needles, branches, and other common buildup that can lead to problems
- Inspect vents and HVAC units; check panels to make sure they are secure

Prevention is the key to extending the life of your roof. With semi-annual roof maintenance, I estimate the savings can be as much as 20% of the cost of a new roof. It reminds me of the saying: "A penny saved is a penny earned."

Thank you for reading my blog and please visit it monthly! Our team will continue to offer tips and other useful tools to think about as it relates to your roof and how Columbia Roofing & Sheet Metal is your go-to resource. Call us today and ask us about the Columbia Roof Advantage!