

Homeowner's Guide to Roofing Warranties: What You Need to Know

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Introduction: Understanding Roofing Warranties

Roofing warranties offer valuable protection for homeowners, providing peace of mind in case of defects or issues with your roof. However, not all warranties are the same, and understanding the different types, coverage, and terms can be crucial when selecting a contractor or roofing material. This guide will break down the essential details every homeowner should know about roofing warranties, helping you make informed decisions for your roof.

1. Types of Roofing Warranties

There are two main types of roofing warranties you'll encounter: **Manufacturer's Warranties** and **Workmanship Warranties**. Here's what each covers:

- **Manufacturer's Warranty:** This warranty typically covers the roofing materials themselves. It ensures that the shingles or other roofing products are free from defects and will perform as expected.
 - **Duration:** Most manufacturer warranties last 20 to 50 years, depending on the product.
 - **What It Covers:** Issues related to defective shingles, underlayment, or other materials.
- **Workmanship Warranty:** Offered by the roofing contractor, this warranty covers the installation process. It guarantees that the roof was installed properly and meets all manufacturer and building code requirements.
 - **Duration:** Workmanship warranties typically range from 2 to 10 years, although some contractors offer extended warranties if they are certified.

- **What It Covers:** Issues caused by improper installation, including leaks or structural problems.

Key Tip: Ensure your roofing contractor offers a strong workmanship warranty in addition to the manufacturer's warranty.

2. GAF Roofing Warranties Explained

As a **GAF Master Elite Contractor**, RGB Construction can offer industry-leading warranties that provide superior protection for your roof. Here's what GAF offers:

- **GAF Golden Pledge Warranty:** This is the top-tier warranty offered by GAF, providing coverage for both materials and workmanship.
 - **Material Coverage:** Lifetime coverage for GAF shingles, including protection against manufacturing defects.
 - **Workmanship Coverage:** Up to 25 years of coverage for any workmanship errors, ensuring peace of mind.
 - **Tear-Off Coverage:** If the roof needs to be replaced due to defects, the warranty covers the cost of tearing off the old roof.
- **GAF System Plus Warranty:** A more basic warranty that still offers strong material coverage, but with fewer benefits related to workmanship.
 - **Material Coverage:** Lifetime coverage for GAF products.
 - **Workmanship Coverage:** Up to 10 years.

Key Tip: Only **GAF Master Elite Contractors**, like RGB Construction, can offer the **Golden Pledge Warranty**, providing you with extended protection that other contractors cannot match.

3. What Does a Roofing Warranty Typically Exclude?

While warranties offer significant protection, it's important to understand what is **not covered**:

- **Natural Disasters:** Damage caused by extreme weather events like hurricanes, hail, or tornadoes is typically not covered. This type of damage falls under your homeowner's insurance.

- **Improper Maintenance:** Failing to maintain your roof, such as neglecting to clean gutters or allowing moss to grow, can void the warranty.
- **Roof Modifications:** Adding satellite dishes, skylights, or solar panels without proper procedures can void parts of your warranty.
- **Normal Wear and Tear:** Roofing materials naturally degrade over time, and normal wear and tear is not covered by warranties.

Key Tip: Regular maintenance and proper roof inspections can ensure your warranty remains valid and helps protect your home.

4. How to File a Warranty Claim

If you encounter a problem with your roof and need to file a warranty claim, follow these steps:

- **Document the Issue:** Take clear photos of the problem, including both wide-angle shots and close-ups, to provide evidence.
- **Contact the Manufacturer or Contractor:** Depending on whether it's a material or workmanship issue, you'll need to contact either the roofing manufacturer (for materials) or your contractor (for workmanship).
- **Submit Required Documentation:** You'll likely need to provide proof of purchase, the date of installation, and details about the issue.
- **Schedule an Inspection:** The manufacturer or contractor may send an inspector to assess the damage and determine if it qualifies under the warranty.

Key Tip: Always keep your warranty documentation and installation records easily accessible in case you need to file a claim.

5. Benefits of Choosing a Contractor with Strong Warranties

When selecting a roofing contractor, it's important to choose one that offers strong warranties, as this ensures you're protected long after the project is completed:

- **Extended Protection:** A contractor that offers comprehensive warranties is confident in the quality of their work and materials.
- **Peace of Mind:** Knowing that both the materials and workmanship are covered for years to come helps you avoid unexpected costs down the road.
- **Increased Home Value:** A roof with a strong, transferable warranty can increase the resale value of your home, making it more appealing to future buyers.

Key Tip: At **RGB Construction**, we are proud to offer the **GAF Golden Pledge Warranty**, which provides the longest and most comprehensive protection available in the roofing industry.

Conclusion: Protect Your Roof with a Warranty from RGB Construction

Warranties play an essential role in safeguarding your roof and your home. By understanding the differences between manufacturer and workmanship warranties, you can ensure that you're fully protected. At **RGB Construction**, we provide our clients with the industry's best warranties, including **GAF's Golden Pledge Warranty**, for ultimate peace of mind.

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