# **Questions to Ask Your Roofing Contractor**

By RGB Construction – Your Trusted Roofing Experts in South Jersey

#### Introduction: Why It's Important to Ask the Right Questions

Hiring the right roofing contractor is one of the most important decisions you'll make for your home. Whether it's for a roof repair, replacement, or installation, the contractor you choose can significantly impact the quality and longevity of your roof. Asking the right questions ensures that you hire a trustworthy, skilled professional who will get the job done right. In this guide, we provide the essential questions to ask any roofing contractor before signing a contract.

#### 1. Are You a Licensed and Insured Roofing Contractor?

Licensing and insurance are critical for your protection. A licensed contractor ensures that they meet local and state requirements for roofing work. Equally important is insurance, which covers any accidents or damages that may occur on your property during the project.

- Why It Matters: Without proper insurance, you could be held liable for on-site injuries or property damage.
- What to Ask: Can you provide proof of your license and insurance?

## 2. Do You Have Experience with Roofs Like Mine?

Not all roofs are the same. Whether your roof is made of asphalt shingles, metal, or even solar shingles, you want to ensure that the contractor has experience working with your specific roof type.

- Why It Matters: Specialized experience ensures the contractor knows the materials, installation process, and potential issues unique to your roof.
- What to Ask: How many projects like mine have you completed?

#### 3. Are You a GAF Master Elite Contractor?

A **GAF Master Elite Certification** is a prestigious credential held by only 2% of roofing contractors nationwide. It's a mark of superior workmanship and access to GAF's extended warranties.

- Why It Matters: Contractors with this certification have undergone extensive training and can offer warranties not available from other contractors.
- What to Ask: Do you offer GAF's Golden Pledge Warranty, and what does it cover?

#### 4. Can I See Examples of Your Previous Work?

Reputable contractors should be more than willing to provide references or examples of their previous projects. This gives you the opportunity to evaluate the quality of their work and speak with past clients.

- Why It Matters: Looking at completed projects and talking to former clients gives you insight into the contractor's reliability, quality of work, and professionalism.
- What to Ask: Can you provide a portfolio of your work and client testimonials?

### 5. What's the Timeline for Completing the Project?

A clear timeline is essential for managing expectations, especially if your roof is in need of immediate repairs. Make sure you and the contractor are on the same page about how long the project will take.

- Why It Matters: Delays in roofing projects can lead to further damage, especially if your home is left exposed to the elements.
- What to Ask: What's the estimated start and completion date for the project?

#### 6. What Does Your Warranty Cover?

Warranties protect you from defects in materials and workmanship. Make sure you understand what is covered and for how long.

- Why It Matters: A solid warranty gives you peace of mind that the roof is built to last, and the contractor will stand behind their work.
- What to Ask: Can you explain the difference between the manufacturer's warranty and the workmanship warranty?

#### 7. How Will You Protect My Property During the Project?

Roofing projects can be messy, with debris, nails, and equipment potentially damaging your property. Ask the contractor what measures they take to protect your home and yard.

- Why It Matters: Proper site management ensures that your property and landscaping are preserved during the project.
- What to Ask: How will you protect my landscaping and ensure a clean worksite?

#### 8. Do You Provide Written Estimates and Contracts?

A written estimate and contract should clearly outline the scope of work, materials, labor costs, and payment schedule. It protects both you and the contractor from misunderstandings or unexpected costs.

- Why It Matters: Without a written agreement, you may face additional, unexpected costs or project delays.
- What to Ask: Will you provide a detailed, written estimate and contract before we begin?

# **Conclusion: Trust RGB Construction for Reliable Roofing Services**

Asking the right questions is crucial to ensuring that you hire a reputable and qualified roofing contractor. At **RGB Construction**, we are proud to provide transparent, top-quality roofing services backed by our **GAF Master Elite Certification**. Contact us today for a free estimate or to learn more about our roofing solutions in South Jersey.

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