



Park Place Construction Updates Roof Repair Guidance for Storm Season

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Park Place Construction has updated its seasonal guidance on roof repair and roof installation following the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's August 6 revision of the Atlantic hurricane season outlook, which raised the probability of a below-normal season to 75 percent.

The updated guidance addresses a gap the company says it encounters each year between the tropical forecast and the damage homeowners actually see. NOAA reported two named storms and no hurricanes to that point in the season, attributing the suppressed activity to a very strong El Niño pattern expected to persist through the fall.

"A below-normal hurricane forecast tells homeowners very little about the condition of their roof," said Albert DeCesaris, Owner and Lead Builder at Park Place Construction. "What has reached roofs in this part of Maryland this year came out of ordinary summer thunderstorms, and those are not what NOAA is forecasting when it issues a tropical outlook."

The distinction has been visible locally. The National Weather Service issued a severe thunderstorm warning on July 9 covering southern Calvert County, citing gusts capable of reaching 60 mph, and a tornado watch followed on July 28 for Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties. The National Hurricane Center places the historical peak of the Atlantic season from mid-September through October, meaning conditions established during the summer carry into the remainder of the year.

The guidance identifies what tends to indicate a roof approaching the end of its serviceable life. Shingles that curl or lift at the edges have generally lost their seal. Granules collecting in gutters signal wear on the asphalt beneath them. Staining on interior ceilings or in an attic indicates water has already found a path, though the visible mark often sits some distance from the actual point of entry.

Flashing remains the most common origin of a seasonal leak. The material sealing the junctions where a roof meets a chimney, a vent or a dormer takes concentrated water and movement, and can admit moisture without producing any outward sign. Gutters that have clogged or shifted contribute by directing runoff back toward the roofline and the foundation rather than away from the structure.

Valleys present a related concern. Where two roof planes meet, runoff from both surfaces concentrates into a single channel, and the volume moving through that channel during a heavy rain is considerably greater than what the surrounding field of the roof handles. The guidance notes that the detailing at these transitions determines performance more than the condition of the shingles around them.

The company distinguishes between the two services in its guidance. Roof repair addresses isolated damage such as a leak, storm-related wear or localized material deterioration. Roof installation applies when a system has reached the end of its serviceable life or sustained damage beyond what a repair resolves. The company works with asphalt fiberglass shingles and metal roofing.

DeCesaris noted that the sequence tends to matter more than any single storm. "Weather rarely finishes a roof by itself," he said. "It opens a path, and then the ordinary rain over the following year does the rest. The homeowner learns about it on a ceiling long after the storm that started it."

The guidance also addresses manufacturer training. Roofing products are engineered to function as a system, and manufacturers publish requirements governing how components are installed together. Crews trained through a manufacturer's program work from those published methods, and the conditions attached to warranty coverage generally depend on the installation meeting them.

Timing forms the final section of the update. Work identified before the later part of the season is generally handled with fewer constraints than work that begins after water has entered a structure, when material

selection, permitting and scheduling all move onto a compressed timeline. The company handles permitting and coordinates with local authorities as part of its project process.

Park Place Construction is a family-owned home improvement contractor based in Huntingtown, Maryland, serving Calvert, Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties. The company provides roof repair, roof installation, asphalt fiberglass shingles, metal roofing, siding, windows, doors and gutters, along with decking, outdoor living structures, finished basements, home additions and general contracting. It is licensed by the Maryland Home Improvement Commission and holds CertainTeed Shingle Master Company certification.

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