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## McHenry Roofing Explains the Advantages of the Flat Roof Over the Usual Pitched Roof

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McHenry Roofing, a roofing contractor based in Baltimore, MD, has recently discussed the benefits of a flat roof over the typical pitched roof in various platforms, specifically the Quora, Pod.co and LinkedIn. The article explained that there are both pros and cons for all kinds of roofing, including the flat roof. However, the flat roof offers unique benefits that could convince a homeowner to consider it as a possibility when looking for a cost-effective but dependable roofing for the house.

One of the most important benefits of flat roofs is that they are much easier and simpler to install compared to pitched roofs, which is why they are more cost-effective. The article adds, "Additionally, they're better at collecting rainwater which can be used in a variety of home projects including gardening and landscaping. And because they have fewer parts, there's less chance of leaks or other problems occurring with these types of roofs."

Another important benefit of using a flat roof is the possibility of using rooftop decks as additional space. For

instance, the roof deck can be used as recreational spaces. This is one of the reasons why commercial buildings often use flat roofs. The roof deck may also be a convenient place for installing air conditioners, water tanks, and other kinds of equipment.

However, there are also a number of potential disadvantages that need to be taken into account before choosing a flat roof for the home. First of all, it needs more maintenance compared to the other kinds of roofing. Yearly inspections have to be performed to make sure everything is in good condition. In addition, waterproofing treatments have to be provided periodically. Second, the accumulation of snow may be a problem during the freezing winter months because the snow can't slide down the way it does with pitched roofs. Thus, more precautions need to be taken during the winter months, particularly when there is heavy snowfall, such as adding insulation.

Freezing problems often come hand in hand with the use of cheaper roofing materials. This may result into cracks during the winter months and the melted snow puddles across the surface may result into roof leakage. This results into poor insulation over time with the property owner has to shoulder the roof repair costs.

Flat rooftops also tend to be slippery when wet, which can be a challenge during the initial installation. This means there is a higher risk of leakage along the waterproof seams that are typically located along the edges next to windows, door and other entry points. There is also an increased risk of fire hazards and mold growths.

The article concludes, "While there are pros and cons associated with all types of roofs, including flat ones, this style has its own unique benefits that could make it worth considering if you're looking for a cost-effective yet reliable covering for your house. With proper installation and periodic maintenance checks/treatments done by professionals over time, these kinds of roofs can prove quite useful."

McHenry Roofing has been serving the roofing requirements of a wide range of residential and commercial buildings for over 27 years. The roofing services they offer include: pitched roofing; flat roofing; metal roofing; commercial roofing; gutter guards; gutters and downspouts; soffit and fascia repair; skylights and sun tunnels; home insurance coverage; and other related services. Their service area includes different places in Baltimore, such as: Charles Village, Otterbein, South Baltimore, Riverside, Pigtown, Brewers Hill, Fells Point, Canton, Locust Point, Upper Fells Point, Highlandtown, Federal Hill, Hollins Market, and Hampden.

Those who are interested in the services of a roofing contractor in Baltimore and nearby areas can check out the McHenry Roofing website or contact them on the phone or via email. They are open from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, from Monday to Friday.

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