

Elevated Roofing Says Recent Weather Rushed New Roof Decisions

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Elevated Roofing says winter weather conditions and severe spring storms accelerated roofing decisions for many homeowners across Northwest Illinois who had previously delayed moving forward with full roof replacement projects.

According to the company, many homeowners who scheduled roofing inspections or received estimates during 2025 postponed replacement decisions while continuing to monitor aging roofing systems. Elevated Roofing said winter ice damming, repeated freeze-thaw cycles, heavy snow loads, tornado activity, hailstorms, and spring storms earlier this year exposed active leaks and moisture intrusion that forced many property owners to move forward with roofing projects sooner than originally planned.

The contractor said roofing activity increased significantly during the opening months of 2026, particularly after tornadoes, hailstorms, and high winds affected areas including Lena, Galena, McConnell, and Freeport. Elevated Roofing noted that inspection requests and project scheduling increased enough that some

inspections and roofing projects were being booked weeks in advance as homeowners attempted to complete work before additional storms moved through the region.

The company said completed roof installation projects during the first part of 2026 roughly doubled compared to the same period last year, while average project wait times expanded from approximately one to two weeks during 2025 to more than 30 days in some cases this spring. Elevated Roofing said many homeowners who initially hoped to delay replacement work ultimately moved forward after weather exposure revealed broader roofing system concerns.

?A lot of homeowners had already looked at replacing the roof sometime within the next couple years, but they were taking their time with estimates and trying to hold off a little longer,? said Matthew Acevedo of Elevated Roofing. ?What changed this year was the weather. Once ice damming, thawing, wind-driven rain, hail, and spring storms started exposing active leaks inside the home, many people realized waiting another season was no longer realistic.?

The roofing company said many of the systems inspected this spring had already been nearing the end of their expected service life before this year?s severe weather accelerated deterioration. Elevated Roofing noted that older asphalt shingle roofing systems installed 15 to 20 years ago are now reaching replacement age throughout much of the region, particularly on homes built or reroofed during the early and mid-2000s.

According to the company, some homeowners initially noticed isolated issues involving missing shingles, detached ridge caps, or minor interior staining before repeated storm exposure revealed larger moisture-related concerns. Recent inspections commonly involved water intrusion around chimneys, pipe penetrations, skylights, flashing transitions, valleys, and sections weakened by long-term weather exposure.

The contractor said some of the most significant roofing problems discovered this year involved improper flashing installation methods and water-management details that remained hidden beneath shingles for years before severe weather conditions exposed failures. Elevated Roofing said improperly installed chimney counter-flashing, insufficient valley overlap, overreliance on caulking, and incorrect material layering have become recurring issues during inspections throughout Northwest Illinois and Northeast Iowa.

?In many situations, the roof had already reached a point where severe weather exposure was starting to accelerate deterioration,? Acevedo said. ?The combination of winter conditions followed by tornadoes, hailstorms, and strong spring storms pushed a lot of homeowners from simply monitoring the roof to actively scheduling replacement work. A lot of what we?re finding now involves installation details that homeowners would never realistically see from the ground.?

The company explained that some roofing systems continued shedding water under normal conditions but

began allowing moisture intrusion after repeated freeze-thaw cycles, wind-driven rain, and severe spring storms placed additional stress on aging materials and flashing assemblies. Elevated Roofing said some homeowners only became aware of larger roofing problems after moisture reached attic spaces, ceilings, or wall areas during repeated rainfall events.

According to the contractor, some homeowners are still navigating insurance inspections and claim reviews connected to recent storms while temporary repairs remain in place. Elevated Roofing said many property owners are now choosing to move forward with replacement work before another winter and spring weather cycle creates larger structural concerns or more expensive interior damage.

The company previously examined changing roof replacement trends affecting homeowners throughout the region as aging roofing systems and weather-related concerns continue influencing residential roofing decisions. Additional information about the company?s new roof installation services and roofing projects is available through Elevated Roofing.

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