

# **Southern Maryland Roofing Passes 5,000 Projects Ahead of Storm Season**

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Southern Maryland Roofing, the Lusby-based contractor owned by Albert Decesaris, has completed more than 5,000 roofing projects since opening in 2014 and is directing that experience toward commercial flat roofing as area businesses head into summer heat and storm season. The company said flat and low-slope systems face their heaviest strain in the months ahead, when prolonged sun exposure and heavy rain expose weaknesses in aging membranes and drainage.

According to the company, flat and low-slope commercial roofs absorb direct sun far longer than pitched residential roofs, which accelerates membrane wear, and Maryland's seasonal storms can turn weak drainage or aging material into leaks that spread across a large footprint. Southern Maryland Roofing said owners who have drainage and membrane condition inspected before peak heat typically avoid the larger cost of a section replacement after storm damage. The company said a pre-season inspection generally covers drainage paths, seams and flashing, and the overall condition of the membrane surface, with any weak points documented before the heaviest weather arrives.

"I'm a second-generation roofer and third-generation contractor, and I started out with a commercial roofing firm before going out on my own, so flat roofs are where that background really shows," said Albert Decesaris, owner of Southern Maryland Roofing. "Our goal is to take care of the Southern Maryland region and give the community quality work that holds up."

The company installs EPDM roofing, TPO, and built-up systems, each suited to different commercial building needs and budgets. TPO reflects heat and can help manage cooling costs in summer, while EPDM offers flexibility and durability for buildings that see wide temperature swings, and built-up roofing remains a common choice where waterproofing and long-term UV resistance are priorities. The company's commercial roofing work also includes roof coatings that extend the life of an existing roof without a full tear-off.

The company's more than 5,000 projects span residential and commercial work across asphalt shingle, metal, and flat roofing systems. On the residential side, that work includes asphalt shingle roofs in common architectural styles along with metal panels and roof coatings for existing surfaces, and across its projects the company works with materials from manufacturers including GAF, Firestone, IKO, CertainTeed, TAMKO, Owens Corning, and Coastal Metals. Repair and replacement work tends to disrupt daily operations less when handled by a crew experienced in working around active businesses, and because Southern Maryland Roofing's crews are based in the region, the company said it can respond more quickly when a commercial client needs an inspection or a repair during storm season.

Southern Maryland Roofing is a GAF Certified contractor and also holds IKO Pro Shield Plus, Firestone Red Shield Installer, and CertainTeed 5-Star Contractor credentials, and it is a member of SMACNA and the National Roofing Contractors Association. Those programs give commercial clients access to manufacturer-backed warranty coverage available only through credentialed contractors, including up to 30-year material and workmanship coverage on qualifying Firestone commercial systems and lifetime material warranties through GAF, IKO, and CertainTeed. Financing for larger commercial projects is available through GreenSky and LightStream.

The company's involvement in the region extends beyond roofing work. Southern Maryland Roofing has supported local community events, including sponsoring the Fourth of July fireworks display on Solomons Island, reflecting the community focus that Decesaris described as central to how the business operates.

Southern Maryland Roofing provides residential and commercial roofing services across Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, Prince George's, and Anne Arundel counties from a single office in Lusby. For more information, visit [somdroofing.com](http://somdroofing.com).

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