



## Printable List of Traits to Look for in a Re-Roofing Company from ProCraft Restoration Group

- **Day Before Materials Delivery**

Day before materials delivery prevents a crew from showing up before the materials do, causing delays.
- **Crew Starts at Sunrise**

A great re-roofing crew begins at sunrise or just before to maximize the chances of completing the project as quickly as possible. They will immediately install tarps around the perimeter, so that any debris from the project is captured. At the end, the best ones will take a few minutes and roll a magnet around the yard to collect anything that missed the tarps.
- **Sets Up Ladders and Tools**

After unloading the ladders from their sparkling clean trucks and vans, the crew will set up power cords, air compressors, and air hoses.
- **Remove the Old Roof**

Next, the crew will use a tool similar to a shovel to completely remove all of the old roofing, including the underlayment, down to the wood decking.
- **Inspect and Repair Roof Decking**

Once the roof decking is exposed, the crew will inspect it for damage and replace it as needed and necessary, including removing any old tacks that could cause a problem later.
- **Install Ice and Water Shield, Ice Damming (if applicable)**

Some northern climates require ice and water shields, so a good re-roofing company will install these next if needed.



- **Synthetic Underlayment**

Modern companies like ProCraft use synthetic underlayments when possible to improve the functionality of whatever roof you select, while maximizing the life of the roof.

- **Drip Edge**

Drip edge is a great idea whether your local building codes require it or not. Drip edge is a small piece of metal that protects the edges of your roof, the roof decking and fascia. These areas receive the most wear over time, so installing drip edges makes your roof last longer and need fewer repairs.

- **Open W-Style Metal Valleys**

The best re-roofing companies offer upgrade options of the metal flashing where two roof pitches come together, called a valley. This metal goes in the valley to provide water protection, while looking amazing!

- **True Starter Shingles**

Modern re-roofing companies have abandoned the practice of using upside down three tab shingles for the starter course when installing fiberglass/asphalt shingles. These are the very first shingles installed right along the roof's edge. This ensures that the first row of shingles are seals at the edge of the roof and protect the edge of the roof decking.


Companies like ProCraft use only true starter shingles designed by the manufacturer of the roof system. This ensures that the products were engineered to work together, in contrast to many roofers, who just use whatever is available. This protects the roof while ensuring that the manufacturer's warranty is valid.


- **Metal Flashing**

Metal flashing is the shiny, red, or black metal often seen around chimneys, dormer windows, and vent pipes. The best re-roofing companies replace these automatically, because some contain rubber seals that can dry rot and cause a leak. Usually these are temporarily attached so that the roofing system can be interwoven.

- **Shingles**

The roof system is installed using pneumatic roofing nailers in most cases, so expect some noise. There will likely be several people on the roof as well as the ground, so it will be a busy place for a few hours. Most employ a shingle lift, which is a small electric





elevator used to transport the heavy roofing materials to the roof. The best re-roofing companies will offer high quality shingles with great warranties. Ask about ProCraft's Pristine Package with a 50-year shingle that has a 50-year non prorated warranty and ProCraft's Impact Resistant Package with a 50-year Impact Resistant shingle that has a 50-year non prorated warranty.

- **Ridge Vents**

Ridge vents sit atop the very highest point of your roof and expel the heat that accumulates in your attic. Ridge vents extend the life of your roof by keeping the heat to a minimum, allowing proper ventilation of the roof, and preventing premature aging of the roof system.

- **Ridge Shingles**

In the most common situation, fiberglass/asphalt shingles, a special ridge cap shingle is used to cover the ridge cap. In most cases, a roofing bid whose bill of materials does not include ridge cap shingles should be avoided.

- **Caulk and Sealant**

Once the roof is on, the re-roofing companies most interested in customer service, like ProCraft, will re-caulk and seal the entire roof for you without being asked. They will happily answer any question you have about your new roof and provide you with documentation you might need later, like the official brand and color of your roof.

- **Industrial Magnet Cleanup**

Perhaps the most customer friendly service any re-roofing company can provide is an effective clean up. Companies like ProCraft Restoration Group invest in special cleanup tools designed just for roofers, like industrial magnets for finding errant nails that might have missed a tarp.

It's these little things, professionalism, and a dedication to customer service that sets the better re-roofing companies apart. If you would like to receive a free, no-obligation inspection of not just your roof, but your entire home, you can schedule it [here](#).

