



When it comes time to replace your roof, you have several great options.

Your decision should be based on a number of factors—the style of your home, the slope of your roof, cost, life expectancy, durability, and the warranty offered. Here are a few of the top roofing materials available today and why we love them.

ASPHALT

Traditional Shingles

Traditional asphalt shingles are generally inexpensive, versatile, and practical for most homes, which is what makes them the most popular roofing material in the U.S. Standard shingles are made of a fiberglass base that's attached to a layer of asphalt and then topped with weather-resistant granules.



Large variety of color options



Lasts 15–20 years



Withstands winds up to 60–80 mph



20–30-year warranty

Architectural/Duration Shingles

Architectural shingles are designed to provide roofs with dimension and contrast by combining depth and dramatic color. Shingles are thicker and stronger than traditional asphalt, composed of multiple layers of asphalt and fiberglass, and securely laminated together to offer maximum durability.



Customizable colors and designs



Withstands winds up to 130 mph



Low maintenance



Lasts 30–50 years



Energy Star qualified



Limited Lifetime Warranty

RUBBER

Rubber costs more up front than asphalt, but it can last twice as long and requires very little maintenance. Rubber roofing is installed either as shingles or rolls composed of rubber or plastic polymers (that often come from recycled materials). Rubber roofing is ideal for flat roofs or roofs with shallow slopes. It's waterproof, strong, pliant, and flexible.



Highly energy efficient



Lighter than asphalt and slate



Strong seal to reduce chance for leaks



Eco-friendly



Extremely weather resistant



Resistant to thermal shock, UV radiation, and cyclic fatigue



Easy and quick to install

STEEL

Steel roofs are exceptionally strong, hard, and durable. They can be designed to look like other materials, like asphalt, slate, or clay. Stone-coated steel is a popular option for homeowners. Steel resists corrosion and wear and helps prevent ice dams in the winter (because rain and snow can easily slide off). It effectively keeps moisture out of your roofing system and home to prevent mold, mildew, and rot.



Lasts 40–70 years



Reflects solar heat and defends against UV radiation



Withstands winds up to 120 mph



Virtually maintenance free



Fire resistant



Eco-friendly



50-year warranty (typically)

If you're interested in learning more about any of these types of roofing materials, check out our blog or contact us directly. We're located in Huxley and serve the Ames, Ankeny, and Des Moines areas. Call us today, or request a quote online.

