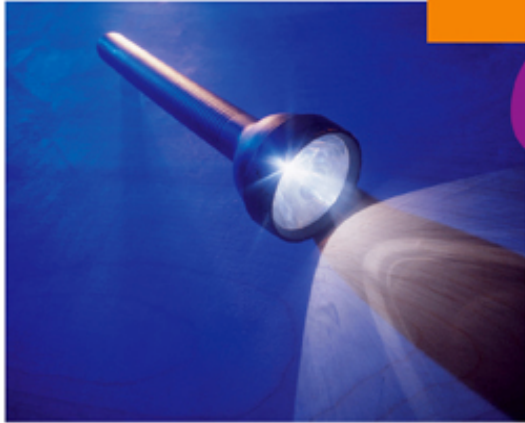


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Rockford Homeowner asks:

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Q: I am going to redo my roof this summer, and am wondering if it is better to remove the old asphalt shingles, or (as many people have told me) just lay the new shingles on top of the old. There is only one layer on the roof now.

A: Most roof frames can support two layers of shingles and it is also allowable as far as the building inspector is concerned. The underlying shingles should be in fair shape without any excessive curling, twisting or deterioration. If new shingles are installed over these, they will eventually take the shape of the old shingles, decrease life expectancy and also void any warranty.

Also just putting new shingles over an old roof will not necessarily fix underlying problems, such as flashing around chimneys, roof vents, eaves and the roof deck (plywood sheathing).

Too much is hidden which I can't see during an inspection but there are many red flags to a poor installation and these will be on the report every time.

Make sure your roofer is reputable. If a new 5 gallon bucket of tar is sitting next to your brand new skid of delivered shingles, this is not a good sign.

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