

## Roof maintenance is key for roof longevity

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### **Annual or semiannual inspections**

Annual or semiannual roof inspections can uncover potential issues before they have a chance to become bigger problems. You can get a Spokane roofing company to do a free inspection and estimate for any required work.

### **Prompt repair work**

When an inspection does uncover problems, they should be taken care of promptly. Unfixed roof leaks or damaged flashing or rain gutters can lead to big problems during a storm. Not only will that shorten the lifespan of the roof but it can lead to interior water damage as well.

### **Frequent rain gutter cleaning**

Rain gutters need to be kept clear of debris so that water can flow freely off of the roof. Clogged gutters can cause water to pool up especially during heavier rain and pooling water can seep through shingles and lead to a shorter lifespan for your roof.

### **Tree trimming**

Strong winds can damage a roof indirectly through falling tree limbs. Even low hanging branches scratching along the surface of the roof can cause damage since it can cause the ceramic granules that protect the roof from the sun's rays to come off. Keeping overhanging branches trimmed back can prolong a roof's lifespan.

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