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HOW TO FIND A ROOF LEAK BEFORE IT GETS WORSE



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Most roof leaks reveal themselves through obvious signs if you know what to look for
- A simple inside-then-outside inspection will uncover most leaks
- Knowing when to call a professional protects your roof and safety
- Never climb onto a wet roof without proper safety equipment. If in doubt, call a licensed roofing professional.



SIGNS OF A LEAK

Water stains, dripping water, mould or mildew, sagging ceilings, missing tiles, blocked gutters.



LOCATE THE LEAK

Check roof cavity for wet insulation, inspect exterior for damage, use water test or moisture meter.



CALL A PROFESSIONAL

Structural damage, steep roof access, cannot locate source, complex flashing areas.



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COMMON SIGNS YOU HAVE A ROOF LEAK



Roof leaks rarely appear out of nowhere. Watch for these tell-tale signs, especially after heavy rain or strong winds:

- Water stains — yellow or brown ring-shaped marks on ceilings or walls
- Dripping water — around light fixtures, along walls, or in damp patches that come and go.
- Mould or mildew — black or green patches in roof corners, plus a musty smell indoors.
- Sagging ceilings or bubbling paint — a sign water has been trapped for some time.
- Missing tiles or shingles — openings left after storms or strong winds.
- Blocked gutters — debris causing water to overflow into places it shouldn't reach.

HOW TO LOCATE THE LEAK



Inside the roof cavity

- Start in the attic or roof cavity. Look for wet insulation, water stains on timber supports, and follow the trail back to the source. Any sunlight peeking through is a clear sign of an opening.

Exterior inspection

- Visually check the roof from the outside. Look for missing tiles, weathering, rust, and damaged ridge caps or flashing around skylights and vents. Check gutters for blockages, and inspect exterior walls for cracks that could let water in.

The water test

- Use a garden hose to spray small sections of the roof while a second person watches inside for any drips appearing. Work methodically, section by section, until the leak shows itself.

Moisture meter check

- A moisture meter helps confirm how recent the water intrusion is. Scan multiple points around the affected area — readings usually increase the closer you get to the source.

WHEN TO CALL A PROFESSIONAL



DIY checks are great for spotting the problem, but some situations call for an experienced roofer:

- There are signs of structural damage — sagging timbers, cracked rafters, or extensive water staining.
- You don't have the right safety equipment or feel comfortable working at height.
- You're unsure of the cause or how serious the damage is.

Safety first

Climbing onto a wet, steep, or damaged roof is one of the most common causes of home-related injuries. If in doubt, stay on the ground and call a licensed roofer.

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