



Your Complete Guide To Emergency Roof Repairs, Part 2: Temporary Solutions For Roofing Emergencies

The importance of your roof cannot be understated. When your roof is falling apart, damaged, or weak then your whole home is at risk.

The best thing you can do is to perform yearly maintenance to avoid emergencies. Properly maintaining your roof can keep you from wasting a lot of time, money, and stress on a damaged roof later on.

However, if you are already facing an emergency, then it is a good idea to understand the issue, and how to prevent further damage while you wait for the emergency roof repair.

Some roofing emergencies have temporary solutions you can use while you wait for your roofing contractor to come and permanently fix the problem.

Hollister Roofing knows how stressful and at times scary a roofing emergency can be. That's why in [this three-part series](#), we want to help ease your mind and educate you on the best way to handle a roofing emergency.

Different Types (And Causes) Of Roofing Emergencies

A fallen tree, pole, or a large object blowing onto a roof can cause a hole or crack in the roof. This is certainly a roofing emergency. If left alone, the roof damage will only increase.

When a roof break of any kind is left alone for long, your home is at risk to the elements. Rain, snow, bugs, and animals can all enter a home with a hole or crack in the roof.

Water damage from a broken or clogged pipe is also a possible cause of a roofing emergency. When water seeps into your roof and attic or ceiling your whole home is put in jeopardy.

The water weakens the structure of your roof and it can cause things such as mold and mildew to grow.

High winds can rip off roofing and leave your roof structure exposed. This can progress into a much bigger issue when not properly addressed.

If your roof has been installed incorrectly, this can also lead to the need for emergency roofing repair.

An old roof that has become weakened over the years may fall in, leak, or allow pests in. If you have a very old roof that has not been maintained, then there is a good chance you will need to repair or replace it.

In any of these circumstances, you should look up “roofing contractors near me” to find an expert - [like Hollister roofing](#) - who can quickly come and fix your roof.

Temporary Solutions While You Wait For Your Contractor

If you do not have experience climbing on top of roofs, now is not the time to attempt a repair from your housetop. Many accidents happen every year from people trying to address emergency roof repair themselves.

The first thing you should do when you discover a potential roofing emergency is to call a trusted roofing contractor near you. Schedule an appointment as soon as possible and stress the magnitude of the situation.

Then, as you wait for them to come, you can try to assess the situation from the ground if you have no experience, or from a ladder or the roof, if you do have experience. Depending on the issue, you may be able to help stop further damage while you wait. In other situations, there is not much you can do.

If your roof is caving in in any way, do not go near it. Find a safe place to stay while you wait. As much as you may want to try to stop it, the best thing you can do is be safe and wait.

If you are experiencing leaking or water damage you can use plastic sheets to cover the interior of your home and protect it from further water damage.

If you do have experience on roofs, and you have a spotter nearby to call on if you need help, you may feel comfortable getting on your roof and attempting a temporary solution.

One of these short term solutions may be covering the damaged parts of your roof with a tarp. Another possibility is using roofing tape to keep water out while you wait.

It is important to remember that these are just short term solutions and your roof will need to be repaired by professionals promptly.

How To Prevent Roofing Emergencies In The Future

If you want to prevent roofing emergencies, it is essential to maintain your roof yearly. You can do some of this yourself, such as cleaning out gutters, inspecting shingles, and checking your attic for water damage.

The best way to thoroughly maintain your roof is to have yearly inspections from a professional roofing company. They can warn you of any potential issues and fix them before they become roofing emergencies.

Taking care of your roof and inspecting it can help avoid big and expensive problems.

If you are experiencing a roofing emergency or desire to maintain your roof to prevent emergencies [click here to get an estimate](#) from the emergency roofing repair experts at Hollister Roofing.



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