



Emergency/Temporary Roof Repair




Trap is secure (tucked under) the asphalt shingles higher on the elevation and with cap nails around the entire perimeter. Note that water cannot flow over the damaged section and is thus watertight until permanent repairs can be made.

How to make an emergency/temporary roof repair on the exterior of your home:

1. Be sure you are physically capable of reaching required elevation heights or climbing/walking on roof slopes; seek help if not comfortable.
 - a. All subsequent steps would ideally not be conducted during a weather event (Avoid tarping a roof during a storm while it's windy or raining).
2. Assess the damage on the roof and around the entirety of the home exterior and take measurements if necessary.
3. Prepare your temporary materials: spare siding, roofing, tarp, millimeter plastic sheets, screws, nails, tape, caulking, etc.
4. Secure the patch and make plans to secure permanent repairs with the help of an experienced person, neighbor, friends, contractor or professional.
 - a. Consider patches good for 90 days or less without requiring additional re-work.



Please consider knowing what type of materials are on your home and how to repair the exterior in a way to maintain a watertight and weather resistant barrier from all interior elements. Helpful repair items to have access to include:

Exterior Nails (cap nails 1 - 1 ½ inches long, roofing nails 1 ¼ - 2 ½ inches long), exterior screws  (metal roofing screws with rubber grommets and metal washers 1 ¾ - 2 ½ inches long), hammer (I like smooth faced), tarps (at least 5 mil thick), synthetic roofing felt (15lbs), Ice and water guard (roof underlayment), house wrap (siding product similar to roof felt), tape for house wrap, staples (3/8 inch - 5/8 inch) and staple gun to match the staples that you have, exterior caulking (roof or asphalt rated, window door trim application), caulk gun to apply tube caulking, pry bar, lumber (furring strips, 2"x4")

