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Soffit and Fascia Ventilation Myths Debunked

Myth #1: Soffit Vents Alone Provide Enough Ventilation

You might think popping a few soffit vents under the eaves is all it takes to keep your attic cool and dry, but ventilation is more like a team sport than a solo act. Soffit vents bring in cool, fresh air from the outside. However, that air needs a path to escape, which is where ridge vents, gable vents, or box vents come in. Without an exhaust point near the roof's peak, that cooler air gets trapped and becomes stagnant. If you've added insulation to your attic or recently had siding or fascia work done, your existing soffit vents may be blocked, reducing their effectiveness.



Myth #2: Fascia Boards Don't Affect Ventilation

Fascia boards are typically solid and not vented, so it's easy to assume they have no bearing on airflow. But your fascia supports the gutter system and helps seal the roof's edge. If it begins to rot or detach due to poor ventilation, it can compromise the seal between your roof and soffit, allowing moisture, pests, or mold to infiltrate the attic space. Properly installed fascia maintains the structural integrity of your roof's edge and helps prevent airflow obstructions that lead to damage.



Myth #3: You Only Need Ventilation in Hot Climates

Roof ventilation isn't just about reducing heat. It also regulates moisture levels throughout the year, especially in cold climates. During winter, warm indoor air rises into the attic, where it can condense and turn into water droplets. This moisture can damage insulation and wood framing. Soffit and ridge vent systems help keep the roof cold, minimizing this risk.

