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Facts About Leftover Roofing Materials

1. Returned to the Supplier

Many roofing materials, especially full, unopened bundles, can be returned to the supplier for credit. Returning the materials to the supplier helps keep overall project costs down and avoids unnecessary waste. If the contractor purchased the materials, they usually handle the return process.



2. Left With You for Future Repairs

Sometimes your roofer may offer to leave extra materials with you, like matching shingles, ridge caps, or trim pieces. These can come in handy if a tree limb falls on your roof or a few shingles blow off during a storm. Keeping them stored in a dry, safe space means any minor repairs will match perfectly.



3. Reused for Other Jobs

In some cases, the contractor stores leftover materials for use on future projects. This helps reduce waste, especially when dealing with standard shingle colors or materials used across many homes in the same area.



4. Recycled or Disposed of Responsibly

Roofing waste is heavy and takes up space in landfills. Many reputable contractors recycle leftover asphalt shingles or metal flashing through local programs. Some states even permit the use of recycled shingles in road paving. If recycling isn't available, the contractor should dispose of materials in accordance with local environmental regulations.

