

Roofing Add-Ons to Request in a Free Estimate

1. Upgraded Shingles

Shingles are one of the first upgrades homeowners ask about, so if you are already replacing the roof, it makes sense to compare standard shingles with heavier architectural shingles. The upgraded product changes the warranty, lifespan, and installation requirements, so a quote that includes them helps you weigh the added cost against the benefits.

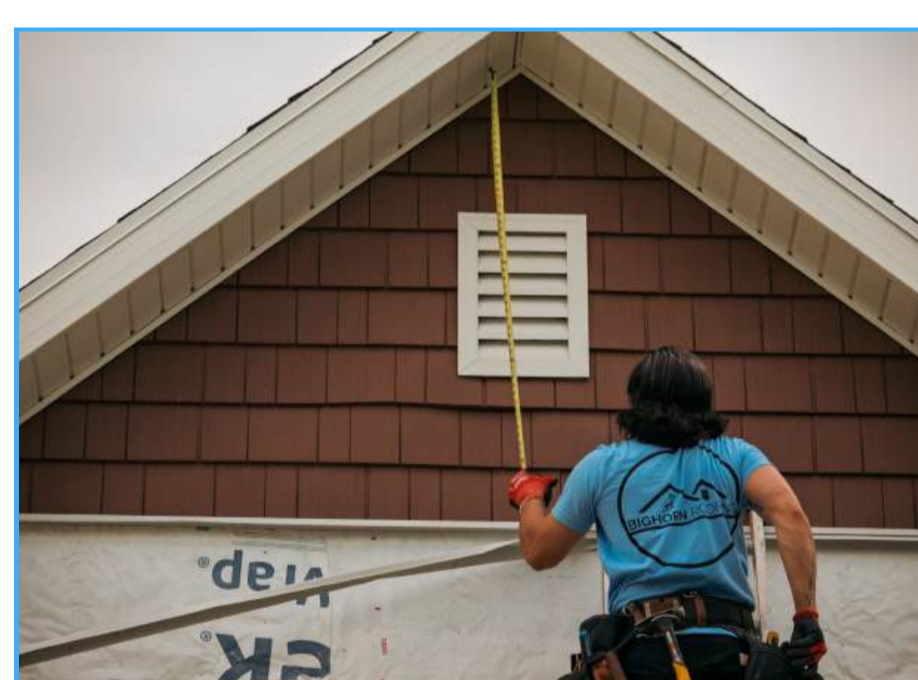


2. Ice and Water Shield

Ice and water shield is a waterproof underlayment used in vulnerable areas such as eaves and valleys. If your roof is prone to ice dams, wind-driven rain, or snowmelt backup, this layer can provide meaningful protection and reduce the chance of future leak repairs.

3. Heat Cable Installation

Heat cables are not necessary for every home, but if you deal with repeated ice dams or heavy snow accumulation, you can ask whether they can help. This is a good example of why estimates should be a conversation, since better ventilation or insulation may be the smarter move in some cases.



4. Attic Ventilation Improvements

Ventilation is one of the most overlooked add-ons, and poor ventilation can trap heat and increase moisture, shortening the lifespan of roofing materials. Ask your contractor whether your setup is balanced, and look at improvements like ridge vents or intake vent adjustments.

5. Gutter Replacement or Upgrades

Your roof and gutters work together, so it makes sense to talk about them together. If your gutters sag, overflow, or pull away from the fascia, include gutter replacement in your estimate, and ask about larger downspouts, gutter guards, or drainage adjustments.



6. Extended Warranties

You can ask about extended warranties or stronger workmanship coverage during the estimate process. A lower estimate may look appealing until you realize it includes limited coverage, so ask what the standard warranty covers, what upgrades cost, and what responsibilities fall to you.