



ROOF TEAR OFF IN FLORIDA BEST PRACTICES

How to Prepare for Roof Tear Off

At Trust Roofing, tearing off a roof the right way is very important.

It protects the client's home and helps the crew work safely and smoothly—especially in Florida, where weather can change fast.



1 Tear Off One Section at a Time

We always tear off one section at a time—never the whole roof all at once.

On shingle roofs, start on the farthest side of the roof and work back. This keeps us from walking over clean, dried-in areas with messy debris.

On shingles, tear off all shingles and stack into manageable bundles, then remove all old nails from the deck and roll up the underlayment. This makes for a cleaner tear off process.



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Be Ready for Florida Rain!

- Never tear off more than we can cover quickly with tarps. Enough tarps for the size home being worked with are to be stocked in the crew trailer.
- Only tear off as much roof square footage as we have good tarps on-site to cover.
- Always be sure the crew has the ability to cover the open roof fast if a surprise rainstorm hits. Steeper roofs are harder to cover, etc.
- PM's and crew foreman should check the weather multiple times a day, as often as hourly during summer.



Vents are the LAST item to remove.

Gooseneck vents, dryer vents, vent openings, etc. are always the last item we remove in a section. If not done this way, debris can find its way into the homeowners attic. This can also damage kitchen vents, dryer vents, etc.



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Finish One Section Before Starting Next

After tearing off a section before moving on to the next:

- Check the wood and fix any bad areas.
- Re-nail deck as needed.
- Dry it in fully with underlayment.
- Clean up our messes completely before starting the next section.
- If ending for the day always triple check dry in is waterproof, **check for tears especially in valleys and make sure all penetrations** are sealed with a roofing cement and underlayment tight around the penetration.

By completing work in this way, (section at a time) we avoid getting to far ahead and having any water damage or issues in an unexpected rain.



Why This Matters

By working as a team—one section at a time, fully dried-in, fully cleaned we:

- Keep the site safer and more presentable.
- Avoid damage from Florida storms
- Give the client a smooth, clean experience
- Build our reputation as pros who do it right the first time

Bottom Line:

**Don't tear off more than your team can tarp.
Dry it in. Prep that area. Clean it up. Move to the next as a team.**



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