



# INSTALLING DRIP EDGE METAL

## Purpose:

Drip edge metal keeps water from getting under the shingles and helps guide it off the roof away from the fascia.

It also helps the roof look clean and professional. This is especially important in Florida, where we get lots of rain and wind.



## Where to Install Drip Edge

- Always install drip edge on all eaves and rakes (bottom and sides of the roof).
- The flat part of the metal must go at least **2 inches onto the roof deck**.



## Overlap the Pieces

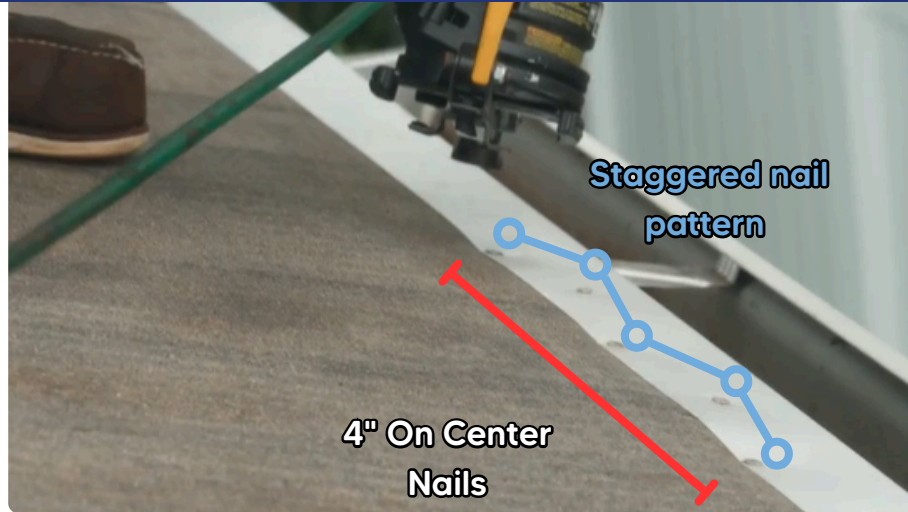
- Each piece of drip edge must **overlap the next piece by at least 3 inches**. When overlapping squeeze the overlapping piece a bit so that it will crimp tight over the next.
- This helps keep them looking tight
- Whenever possible start installing drip edge from back side of a home working toward front, this makes the seams less visible from the street.





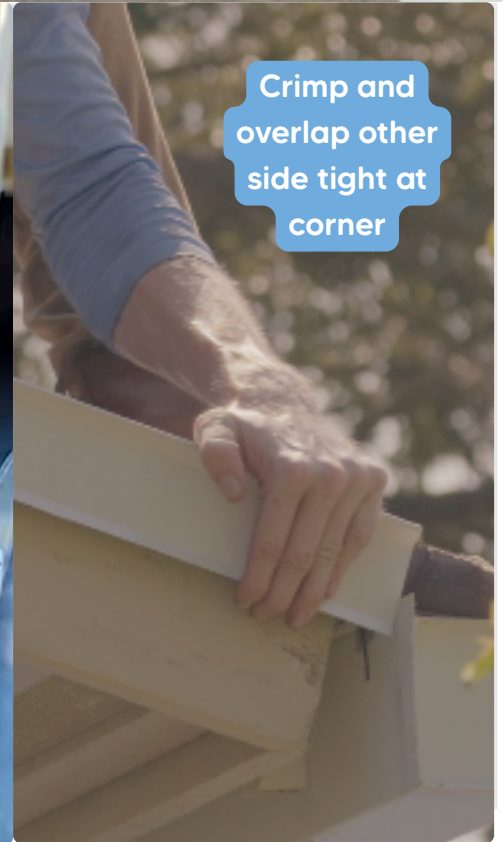
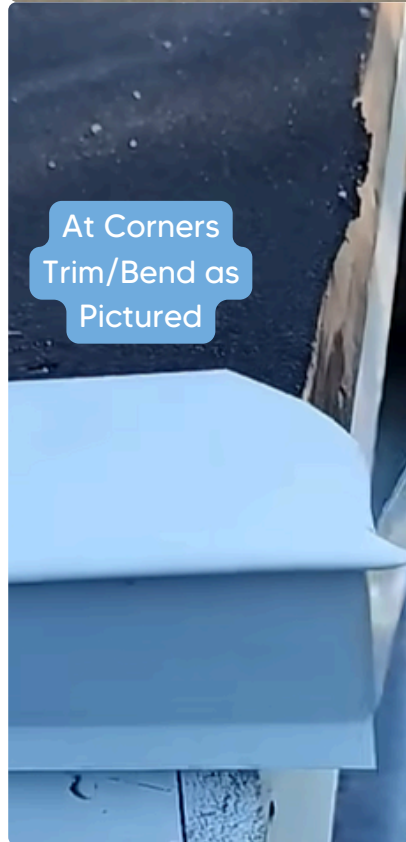
# Nailing it Down

- Use roofing nails to secure the drip edge.
- Nail it every **4 inches on center** along the edge of the metal.
- A slightly staggered pattern is used to provide best wind uplift and to sit flat.
- Ensure nails go into **solid wood**.



## Corners and Ridges:

- At inside and outside corners, cut and shape the metal so the **3-inch overlap stays in place**, and that the drip edge is tight and looks good from the ground. There are a few different cut techniques to achieve this, one is pictured here.
- At the ridge (peak of the roof), make clean cuts so the drip edge looks tight and neat at a right angle from the ground.
- Always use a full piece of drip edge when starting at either side of a ridge so it looks symmetrical.





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- At all eave and rake edges of roof, apply an even **4-inch bed of roofing cement** over the drip edge.
- This helps seal the edge from wind and stops wind-driven rain from getting underneath.
- This should be **1/8" thick**, not too thick or it can create bumps and bubbles on shingles above. Be careful not to place cement too close to outer edge of metal (it can push out when shingles are applied)



## Final Check Before Moving On:

- Each piece overlaps the next by at least 3"
- Drip edge is nailed every 4"
- Corners and ridges look neat, tight and clean
- Rake edges are sealed with roofing cement

## Additional Tips:

- Start drip edge from back of the house working toward front (so seams are not as visible)
- Use full pieces always from either side of ridge top.
- Watch your footing when working along edges!



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