



Residential Roofing FAQ

Q. What code regulates residential roofing?

A. Chapter 9 of the 2019 Residential Code of Ohio (RCO). The RCO can be viewed for free at: <https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/chapter/15345/>

Q. Is a permit required if I'm just putting on a second layer of asphalt shingle?

A. No permit is required but please be aware the RCO and most shingle manufacturer's allow no more than 2 layers of shingle. If you currently have 2 layers of shingle, both layers must be removed prior to the installation of the new layer. See 908.3.1.1

Q. What if I have to replace or repair roof decking or rafters/trusses?

A. A permit and inspection(s) is required. See 108.2.5.

Q. Is underlayment required?

A. Yes. See 905.1.1

Q. Is ice barrier required?

A. Yes. All roofs must have ice barrier that extends from the lowest edge of the roof to a point at least 24 inches from the inside edge of the exterior wall line of the building. See T301.2(1), 905.1.2, 905.2.7

Q. Is ice barrier required on a detached accessory structure?

A. No, unless the structure has conditioned floor area. See 905.1.2 Exception.

Q. Is drip edge required?

A. Only if required by the shingle manufacturer installation instructions.
See 905.2.8.5

Q. Can staples be used to attach asphalt shingles?

A. No. See 905.2.5.

If you have any questions, please contact the
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