



# 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://up.codes/viewer/ohio/irc-2018/chapter/9/roof-assemblies#9>

**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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