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Roofing Trends: Weathering the Extreme

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It used to be that if you got the shingles, you and your buddies would roof the house over the long weekend. However, as technology evolves and information spreads, the roofing options for consumers will continue to grow in quality as well as quantity. More and more consumers are opting to hire a professional, who comes equipped with material samples and perspective on the available products. . . . and products do they have!

Homeowners are looking for something special that will help differentiate their house, create more curb appeal and increase the resale value of their home. The roof is one of the first spots potential buyers notice when they step out of the car and look at a home. Homeowners realize they can differentiate their property, not only for future resale, but also for the long run.



With asphaltic products and standard shingles, users are looking at a lifecycle ranging from 20-30 years. Potentially, homeowners would have to update standard roofing several times before they would have to re-roof with a product like Plygem engineered slate or cedar. Engineered roofing uses the latest technology to digitize its earth-made patterns on natural slate and cedar and then engraves those images into high-tech molds. This powerful combination-along with superior material science-provides a product solution that is affordable, beautiful and one that performs better over time with virtually no maintenance. These products are backed with a 50-year limited warranty, a 10-year no-fade warranty and a labor warranty for the first 10 years. Plygem has been developing a product that provides greater performance and resistance in regard to fire, wind, hail and fade. It's lightweight, easy to install and it looks amazing, all within the total cost of owning an asphalt roof.



CertainTeed roofing is rolling out its luxury metal roofing line. Its lightweight, recyclable metal panel roofing system replicates the look and charm of real wood shake, quarried slate and barrel tile roofing. It is engineered using a deep-drawn steel manufacturing process that makes it stronger than typical steel, offering Class 4 impact resistance, Class A fire resistance and a 130 mph wind rating. These roofs have a life expectancy of more

than 50 years, allowing it to have one of the strongest warranties in the industry and making it highly suitable for harsh winters and high-wind environments.

As storms become more extreme and frequent, we are seeing a rising demand for impact-resistant roofing materials. The industry is responding with extreme trends to meet the demand.

The Benefits of Raspberries

Did you know that the raspberry is high in dietary fiber and manganese. Fiber aids in slowing down the digestive process, making you feel fuller for longer. The trace mineral manganese keeps your metabolic rate high, and thereby burns fat. If you are looking for a delicious and effective way to lose weight, raspberries can be the best natural option. Raspberries are also an excellent source of vitamin C, B, folic acid, copper and iron. They have the highest concentration of antioxidant strength amongst all fruits.



The oil from the raspberry has a sun protection factor that has anti-aging properties. Furthermore, raspberries just look after your overall health.

The taste of these fruits is sweet. They easily melt in your mouth because of their soft and sweet texture. Eat them raw, in recipes or chilled in your favorite drinks. Mm! Good!

“I grew up with six brothers. That’s how I learned to dance—waiting for the bathroom.”
Bob Hope

This house was built in 1918 in an era where kitchens were small, but used hard. There were no additional counter spaces planned into the kitchen, no built-in appliances or storage. Ladies, you were on your own to make it work for your food prep needs of that time. But, times have changed and aren’t you glad that you can choose to keep up with the times and remodel your kitchen to better suit your needs in 2019.

The kitchen was recreated without removing any walls or expanding the area to keep the integrity of the age of the home the same. However, the ceiling, which had been lowered during a previous remodel, was raised to its original height. This created the illusion that there was more space and that the kitchen was even bigger.



Before: There was an awkward corner with one small, lone cabinet blocked by the low window ledge. It packed the microwave onto its surface and there wasn’t room for much else.



After: The cabinet is still covering the same space but because it has been turned to face a different direction, it now accommodates a built-in microwave, an upper cupboard to utilize more storage and a functioning counter-top. Nicely done!

BEFORE AND AFTER

The homeowner, in this case, chose to have their appliances built-in to the space provided, making it accessible to get around the kitchen and keeping it efficient.

Finally, the whole kitchen was brightened up with a glossy gray backsplash, white marble-look quartz countertops and a bright apron-front sink. Stainless Steel appliances are built-in and blend in well with their surroundings. Clean, Crisp and Elegant!



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“The best way to teach your kids about taxes is by eating 30 percent of their ice cream.”
Bill Murray



The Ringing Rocks of Bucks County

Located in a nondescript park on an isolated hillside above the Delaware River, Ringing Rocks County Park might not seem at first to be anything too special when pulling into the secluded parking lot, However, follow the single, flat trail that leads from the parking lot for just a few minutes, and you’ll end up at one of the oddest places in Pennsylvania. The boulder field at Ringing Rocks is seven acres wide and the rocks in the field are igneous, or volcanic rocks, with a high iron concentration. These curious rocks make a metallic, bell-like sound when struck with a hammer. They are in pretty exclusive company, as ringing rocks are found in only a handful of locations around the world. Ringing Rocks Point of interest in Montana, the Musical stones of Skiddaw in England, the Bell Rock Range in Australia and the Hill of Bells in Mexico are other known sites where these rare anomalies can be found.

Email the Expert

Q — I'd like to make sure that I'm on the right maintenance schedule for my deck. How often should I have it cleaned and how long does sealant last?

Jeremy

A — That's a great question Jeremy. Many people realize too late that without proper maintenance the lifespan of your deck can be surprisingly short. First let me say that spring, summer, and fall are typically the best time for deck maintenance. The key factor is temperature. Almost all deck preservative products cure and dry properly when the temperature is at least 50 degrees.

Cleaning and sealing your deck depends on climate, weather, and sun exposure. Decks in the direct sunlight tend to fade and dry out. Decks in humid and shady areas may grow algae and fungus spores. Both problems require attention yearly, or no later than two seasons apart.

One additional factor to consider is your choice of products. Having your deck cleaned and sealed with quality products will help prolong your enjoyment of your outdoor getaway.

Do you have a question you would like to ask? EMAIL THE EXPERT by sending your question to steve@sechristconstruction.com. Please be sure to include your name and phone number in case additional information is required to answer your question.



Michael Dell was born in 1965 in Houston, TX. His mother was a stock broker and his father was an orthodontist. In a bid to enter business early, he applied to take a high school equivalency exam at age eight. In his early teens, he invested his earnings from part-time jobs in stocks and precious metals.

He purchased his first calculator at age seven and encountered an early teletype terminal in junior high. At age 15, he got his first computer at Radio Shack, an Apple II, which he disassembled to see how it worked.

While a freshman pre-med student at the University of Texas, he started an informal business selling upgrade kits for personal computers. He hired several employees, and after earning a gross profit of nearly \$200,000 in his first year of business, he dropped out of the UT to devote more time to his business. In 1992, age 27, he became the youngest CEO of a company ranked in Fortune magazine's list of the top 500 corporations.

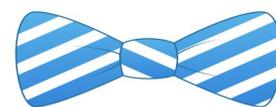
In 1984, Dell's first full year of business, he had \$6 million in sales. He went on to prove to be a very successful businessman and over the following years, Dell Inc. grew to become one of the world's leading sellers of personal computers.



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“Sometimes the poorest man leaves his children the richest inheritance.”

Ruth E Renkel



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FROM THE DESK:

In June, we celebrate Father's Day. Father's Day has usually included the proverbial tie to celebrate our fathers. So I wanted to tie that in with my message to you.

Hopefully, we have good ties with our fathers because they teach us about living-building a home, raising a family, taking care of business and being kind to our neighbors. Good ties. Thanks Dad.

Sechrist Construction and Remodeling is building ties with our customers. We have many jobs and demands on our plate as the season of building and remodeling ties us to the work at hand. Good ties. We appreciate you and we thank you for the work!

Steve



Best Fresh Strawberry Shortcake

Shortcakes

2 hard-boiled egg yolks, cooled
1-1/3 cups all-purpose flour
1 T baking powder
1/4 t salt
3 T sugar
6 T butter, cut into pieces
2/3 cup, plus 2 T heavy cream
Sugar, for sprinkling

1-1/2 lbs strawberries, hulled, halved, quartered
1/4 c sugar
1 t finely grated lemon zest
Salt
2 t fresh lemon juice, divided
1 cup heavy cream
2 T powdered sugar
1/2 vanilla bean, halved lengthwise



GREEN TIP: Living green doesn't require some big, grand gesture, but rather lots of little incremental changes that collectively can reduce our negative impact on the planet. Donate, compost, pack your lunch, turn the lights out, recycle, re-use, share, maintain what you have, conserve, be thankful!