



HOW LONG DOES AN ASPHALT SHINGLE ROOF LAST IN NORTHEAST OHIO?

Typical lifespan depends on shingle type, ventilation, installation quality, and Ohio's freeze-thaw cycles.



QUICK ANSWER

Three-Tab Shingles:
15–20 YEARS

Architectural Shingles:
20–25 YEARS

In Northeast Ohio, repeated freeze-thaw cycles and lake-effect winter weather often shorten roof life compared with national averages.

WHAT AFFECTS ROOF LIFESPAN?



ATTIC VENTILATION

Poor ventilation traps heat and moisture, aging shingles faster.



ROOF COLOR

Darker shingles absorb more heat and can wear faster.



INSTALLATION QUALITY

Improper nailing or flashing can lead to early failure.



MULTIPLE LAYERS

Installing over old shingles traps heat and moisture and shortens lifespan.

BY SHINGLE TYPE

SHINGLE TYPE		TYPICAL LIFESPAN (IN NORTHEAST OHIO)	KEY NOTES
	Three-Tab	15–20 years	Lowest-cost option; shortest lifespan in this climate.
	Architectural	20–25 years	Thicker, heavier, better wind performance.
	Premium / Designer	30+ years	Longer life, higher cost.

WARNING SIGNS IT MAY BE TIME TO REPLACE



Granule loss or bald spots



Curling or cupping shingle edges



Cracked shingles after hard freezes



Water stains or daylight in the attic



Gritty buildup in gutters and downspouts

REPAIR OR REPLACE?



USUALLY REPAIR

Localized damage on a roof under 15 years old.



OFTEN REPLACE

Widespread wear, major granule loss, or a roof nearing/past 20 years.



OHIO CLIMATE REALITY

Freeze-thaw cycling, lake-effect snow, and ice dams put extra stress on asphalt shingles in Northeast Ohio.



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