



ROOF DECKING DAMAGE:

SIGNS YOUR ROOF'S UNDERLYING STRUCTURE NEEDS ATTENTION

WHAT IS ROOF DECKING?

Roof decking, also called sheathing, is the layer of plywood or OSB fastened to the rafters that everything else on your roof sits on — underlayment, shingles, flashing and all of it. If the decking is compromised, no amount of new shingles will fix the problem.



WARNING SIGNS OF ROOF DECKING DAMAGE



SAGGING ROOF LINE

Wavy or sagging areas between rafters visible from the ground.



DARK STAINS IN THE ATTIC

Black or brown staining on the underside of the sheathing.



DAYLIGHT VISIBLE

Any light coming through nail holes or gaps in the decking.



NAIL HEADS BACKING OUT

Nails lifting or loose shingles that won't stay fastened.



SOFT OR SPONGY SPOTS

Shingles that feel soft when walked on, which indicates weak decking underneath.

COMMON CAUSES IN NORTHEAST OHIO



ICE DAMS

Trapped meltwater soaks into the decking during winter.



POOR ATTIC VENTILATION

Traps heat and moisture, leading to condensation and rot.



FAILED UNDERLAYMENT

Allows wind-driven rain to reach the decking over time.

REPAIR VS. REPLACEMENT



DECKING REPAIR

Best for:

- ✓ Small, localized damage
- ✓ Isolated leaks (vents, chimneys)
- ✓ Rest of the decking is solid



FULL ROOF REPLACEMENT

Needed when:

- ✓ Widespread rot or soft spots
- ✓ Multiple decking panels damaged
- ✓ Pairing with new shingles is more cost-effective



NOT SURE ABOUT YOUR ROOF?

Get a professional inspection from Walsh Residential Roofing. We'll check the decking, not just the shingles.

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