

# How to Install Metal Roofing Over Shingles - Ultimate Checklist

## Before You Begin: Legal & Roof Inspection

- ☐ Check local building codes for metal-over-shingle roof rules
- ☐ Get any required permits (especially in cities or HOAs)
- ☐ Inspect your shingle roof: No soft spots, max 2 layers, solid decking
- ☐ Take photos for documentation

## Tools You'll Need

- ☐ Tape measure, chalk line, utility knife
- ☐ Metal snips or shears, drill with screws
- ☐ Roofing nail gun (optional), caulking gun
- ☐ Safety harness, rope, gloves, ladder stabilizer

## Materials Checklist

- ☐ Metal roofing panels (+10% extra)
- ☐ Furring strips or wood battens (optional)
- ☐ Underlayment or moisture barrier
- ☐ Closure strips, foam inserts, flashing, ridge vent
- ☐ Roof screws with neoprene washers, pipe boots, sealant

## Prep Your Roof

- ☐ Clear off debris, moss, and leaves
- ☐ Secure loose shingles and check decking
- ☐ Remove antennas, vents, or obstacles
- ☐ Install furring strips (for leveling/venting)
- ☐ Lay underlayment if required by code
- ☐ Snap chalk lines for straight panel layout

## Safety First

- ☐ Wear non-slip boots and gloves
- ☐ Use a safety harness and stable ladder
- ☐ Avoid wet, icy, or windy conditions
- ☐ Never stand on gutters; use ladder stabilizers

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- ☐ Work with a buddy and take hydration breaks

## Installation Sequence

- ☐ Start at bottom edge, work upwards
- ☐ Use chalk lines to align each panel
- ☐ Overlap panels (usually 1 rib) per instructions
- ☐ Fasten screws on flat section (not ribs)
- ☐ Use sealant and foam closures at joints
- ☐ Install flashing and ridge cap with ventilation

## Avoid These Mistakes

- ☐ Skipping required underlayment
- ☐ Installing over rotted decking
- ☐ Misaligned panels that trap water
- ☐ Insufficient or misplaced screws
- ☐ Missing foam closures or ventilation

## Post-Install Maintenance

- ☐ Clean debris each season
- ☐ Check screws annually
- ☐ Inspect flashing after storms
- ☐ Touch up paint or seal joints when needed

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