Roofing Reflections

Preparation

I removed anything fragile or cherished from my outside areas. Glass topped tables. Plants and garden art were moved to protected areas. Wind chimes were taken down and stored in the garage.

Inside! I took down all pictures that were framed with glass or that were dear to me. I took out breakable curios from a chest on the second floor. I covered up areas under my one skylight when they removed it and replaced the rotten wood. They taped off the area well when the actual repair was done.

We took down all the pictures, but don't know if it was necessary, since nothing fell (we had taken them down!)  We also moved a few fragile items away from edges.  I haven't noticed any shift in items we did not remove, nor in the kitchen cabinets.

Noise

There is a lot of noise but I just don't think that can be avoided. Plan to be shopping or something when they remove the tiles and then when they anchor the composition.

There are noises associated with the job, but the really noisy part was only a couple of days long.  It was less than I expected, and the crews are not loud (no boom boxes so far).

 Noise has been very stressful on our cat. Maybe consider another place for your pet to stay during the construction.

Notice/Inconvenience

We had only two days' notice, probably because of the fast start once all the contracts were signed.  I assume that as the project rolls, later households will get more notice.  Two days was a little abrupt.  I had actually scheduled some outdoor work that had to be delayed.

Brief delays when trucks blocked the way, and having to park outside and away from the building.

The most inconvenient parts are remembering not to engage in "private" activities in the bathrooms with skylights while workers are present.

Was not expecting them to be working at 7:45am on a Saturday.

No notice on start. We found out 10 minutes before leaving for work that we needed to move our cars.

Safety

I urge everyone to limit the time spent outdoors near the house, just as a safety issue.  We had one thing fall from the roof that could have seriously injured someone: a full roll of the paper used under the shingles came crashing down over the front porch and landed in the flower bed.  The guy who carried it away walked like it was quite heavy.  Other smaller things have fallen, though the crew is very careful.  One day when I walked out, a roofer on our neighbor's roof called in Spanish to the man on mine.  I have enough words of Spanish to know that he was warning that the senora had come out the door.  They paused until I was past.  A very large tarpaulin came down after the crews left on Friday, and hung up on a power cord that was stretched over our entryway.  It enveloped the plants on the ground, and was blowing in the breeze while blocking light to most of the top and bottom floor windows.  I did manage to get it down, and as far as I know there was no damage to the new shingles where the cord was stretched across them, rubbing as the tarp moved.

Debris/Clean-up

Caution! I had flat tires and I don’t know if the nails came from here or not. But each day I check the driveway for nails before I put the car away. I realize it is impossible for them to not have things flying, and they are pretty careful with clean up, but just be on the lookout.

They placed a ladder on a new plant which I noticed and then they protected it with a piece of plywood.

Large numbers of nails in the driveway and walkway, particularly when the gutters were removed (I've talked to Craig about this.  He says it was probably the gutter contractor, not Tekline, who failed to police the area, and I think he was going to talk to them);

There has been a little debris (inside) under each of the skylights, all easily removable.

Debris has been falling off the roof, so small pots are at risk.

Electrical use

I think they did use the exterior outlets.  They also wanted to use the dryer outlet inside the house, which would have been okay, but the way our dryer is placed, they really couldn't get to it (He came in and looked).  I think the guy said they used the neighbor’s. This was to power one of the compressors, I believe.

 They requested to use our garage power (all day on the entire building) and then the garage sensor was tripped after it went down and it stayed open the entire day while we were at work

Final thoughts

Overall, I think Tekline is doing a great job and the crews are very nice.

The impact on our lives has been minimal.