Types of Roofs - Which One is Best for You?



Choosing a new roof for your home is a big decision which is going to impact your house for many years to come, hopefully, the purpose for which it was designed. Depending upon your final choice and the initial investment you're willing to make, different kinds of roofs may last from 10 years to 100 years, making them a good long-term investment. There are many different kinds of roofs, and it helps if you have some knowledge before you start to search so you're sure to find the perfect roof for your

house. One of the more popular kinds of roofing is asphalt shingles which have been around for a long time and have many advantages as well as disadvantages.

If you're looking for a metal roof, you're in luck because metal roofs are actually very common as well as being one of the most durable types of roofing. Metal shingles, as the name suggests, are made out of metal, often a single sheet of metal, but they can also be made out of metal sheets stacked one atop another and fused together. The disadvantage to this type of roof is the higher cost of building one since there's no pre-made form to take, and it can take longer to install than a slate or shingle roof. Also, these kinds of roofs don't offer much in the way of design and because they're usually bolted down, you can expect them to get quite cold and in some areas they can be dangerous, especially for children.

Lastly, there are pitched roofs, also known as gable roofs and they're certainly one of the oldest types of roofs used in North America. Pitched roofs are one of the most durable kinds of roofs and also require very little maintenance because they lay parallel to the ground. The only disadvantage to pitched roofs is that they can get quite cold in the winter, and they can be pitch black in the summertime. These are the most expensive types of roofs by far, but if you really want a durable roof, they are by far your best option.