



How-to: Prevent a leaky Roof

People should pay more attention to the roof over their heads. Why? Because a leaky roof is no fun and can be a big problem. Here, a few roofing maintenance tips from Avenue Road Roofing in Toronto to help you identify any issues as soon as possible to help prevent extensive water damage and expensive roof repair or replacement costs.

- Schedule an annual roof inspection; the fall is usually a good time to do this before the severe winter season starts.
 - Pay attention to your energy bills: are they higher than the previous year's costs? Heating or cooling could be escaping.
 - Look for any signs of condensation in the attic. The right amount of attic insulation and ventilation will help make your home more energy-efficient and prevent issues like mould.
- Tip:** Make sure that any indoor vents are not venting into the attic!

If you do have a leak: Make sure you schedule a repair immediately to avoid unnecessary damage costs. Delaying or ignoring roof leak repair can have serious consequences, including structural damage, health-related risks and security issues.

Don't Get Scammed!

5 Tips on Finding a Good Mover

Local movers vary widely in quality of service. You should check your choice out carefully before entrusting your precious possessions to a moving company.

Need a hand? Go to Moving.



- 1 Ask a mover to give you the names and phone numbers of people they have recently served. Call them. Find out if they were satisfied.
- 2 Check your choice of movers with the Better Business Bureau.
- 3 Pay your mover only a portion of the cost in advance.
- 4 Be clear from the outset what you want moved and don't suddenly add things to the load.
- 5 When your possessions are delivered to your new home, check your inventory and do a thorough inspection before paying the final installment.



Tips on Hiring a Contractor

Do your research in advance and be very clear what you need from a contractor – details are important.

Call a number of contractors and get at least three estimates of the cost of the work you want done.

Ask contractors about scheduling of your job and timelines.

Check out the brands of the materials listed on a contractor's estimate.

Ensure that your chosen contractor has an excellent reputation and a history of satisfied customers. A reputable contractor will be able to show you pictures of work that they have done, but remember anyone can take take pics off the Internet and call them their own, so ask lots of questions, ask for references that you can call and also ask if you can visit a home or two where he has done work.

Check with the Better Business Bureau to see if your choice of contractor is accredited for your kind of job.

Hold a contractor to the agreed-on terms for your work and make a final payment only when you are satisfied that everything is completed.

Saving the environment actually saves you money.



Eco-Friendly Plumbing

The latest plumbing fixtures reduce water consumption. Your monthly bill will go down. Regular toilets consume 30 to 40 percent of domestic water. Modern low-flow models cut this in half.

With low-flow showerheads water consumption is reduced by as much as half. The energy to heat water is reduced by around 10%.

Proper insulation of hot water pipes can further cut home energy use.

Is Your Wiring Up To Code?



Most home wiring is hidden from view. It takes an expert to determine if it's up to code.

Warning signs that something is not right with home wiring include: warm or hot sockets, frequent flipping of circuit breakers and any kind of sparking, smoking or odd electrical smells.


What met code years ago might fail to meet it today. Safety standards are constantly revised.

If in doubt about wiring, hire a certified building inspector or a qualified electrician to write a report on the electrical services in your home.

In many cases what you can easily see in your electrical system will have been upgraded to code while what you can't see has not.

A qualified expert's report will include a complete analysis of your wiring and recommendations for upgrading if necessary to meet the current code.





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Denise's Jewellery is a fresh boutique concept specializing in freshwater cultured pearls and chic contemporary jewellery designs.

Once a symbol of wealth and power, pearls are now an essential accessory for the well dressed woman. Denise's Jewellery has a wide range of unique and spectacular pearl designs to suit every taste. Genuine pearls are an inexpensive luxury that transform the simplest outfit into a classic statement.

Recent developments in pearl farming technology in China have changed the world of jewellery. Freshwater cultured pearls, magically created by the triangle mussel, are of high quality and are affordable. Denise's Jewellery has selected excellent suppliers in China that produce outstanding, affordable freshwater cultured pearls.

Freshwater pearls have strong, translucent surfaces which, when polished, have a brilliant sheen. Individual pearls in a string will catch the light and shimmer, each in a different way. That's the natural property of pearls which makes them so desirable to give to someone special, or to personalize your style.

As well as pearls, Denise's Jewellery offers Chinese designs in other materials such as ceramic and enamelwork set in an attractive metal alloy. These brilliant pieces are designed by skilled craftsmen experienced in the most sophisticated contemporary fashion.

