

FALL MAINTENANCE GUIDE: PREP YOUR FLAT ROOF FOR RAIN AND DEBRIS



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As the leaves turn and the weather cools, it's time to give your commercial flat roof some attention. Fall brings wind, rain, and debris, all of which can threaten the integrity of your Duro-Last® roofing system if you're not prepared.

A little proactive maintenance this season can protect your investment, preserve your No-Dollar Limit (NDL) warranty, and help avoid costly surprises during winter. Here's your complete fall checklist.

1. CLEAR DEBRIS BEFORE IT BUILDS UP

Leaves, twigs, and debris are your roof's biggest threat in the fall. When debris collects on the membrane, especially around drains or rooftop equipment, it:

- Traps moisture against the surface
- Increases the risk of membrane damage
- Creates unnecessary weight and stress

Tip:

Use a non-metal rake or broom to gently sweep away debris. Focus on:

- Around drains, scuppers, and gutters
- Perimeters and behind parapet walls
- HVAC units, pipes, and other penetrations

2. INSPECT SEAMS, FLASHINGS & PENETRATIONS

Fall winds can loosen edges, peel seams, or damage flashings, especially near:

- Pipe boots
- Corners and transitions
- Rooftop equipment and terminations

What to look for:

- Loose or lifting membrane edges
- Cracked sealant or flashing separation
- Cuts or punctures from windblown debris

Do not attempt repairs yourself. Unauthorized work can void your warranty. Instead, report concerns directly to Duro-Last or your authorized contractor.

3. DOCUMENT YOUR ROOF CONDITION

Every inspection should include photo documentation. This protects you and helps:

- Track changes year to year
- Provide proof of upkeep (important for warranty claims)
- Assist your contractor with any needed service

4. CLEAN THE MEMBRANE SURFACE

Rain mixed with dirt and debris can leave stains or promote mildew growth. Cleaning your Duro-Last roof helps it look better and last longer.

Use a mild, non-abrasive cleaner and a soft brush. Avoid using harsh chemicals or pressure washers, as they can damage the membrane or void warranty terms.

5. SCHEDULE A FALL INSPECTION WITH A PROFESSIONAL

Even if everything looks fine, it's smart to schedule a certified Duro-Last inspection in the fall. A pro can spot early-stage issues before they escalate. This is especially important if:

- Your roof is over 10 years old
- You experienced severe weather during the year
- You're transferring the warranty to a new owner

6. Bonus Tip: Know Your Warranty Requirements

Fall is the perfect time to review your Duro-Last NDL warranty. To stay in compliance, you must:

- Report any leaks or defects within 7 days
- Avoid unauthorized repairs or roof modifications
- Maintain the roof regularly—including debris removal

You can download the official Care & Maintenance Guide from:

 duro-last.com/care

Protect Now, Save Later

Fall maintenance isn't just about appearances, it's about preserving your roof and improving longevity. A few hours spent clearing debris and inspecting your Duro-Last roof can prevent big problems during winter and ensure your warranty stays valid.

Need help with your fall checklist or want a certified inspection? Contact Alternative Roofing Systems Inc., your local Duro-Last authorized contractor at **866-ALT-ROOF** to schedule your roofs inspection/maintenance today.

When you choose Duro-Last, you're not just choosing a product – you're choosing a system designed for long-term performance. Every part is made to work together. Every square foot is built with quality in mind, and every project is backed by industry-leading warranties.



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