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The Basics of Metal Roofing

While the initial cost for a metal roof is higher than most other roofing materials, you'll save money in the long run. A metal roof can last a lifetime, whereas materials like asphalt require reroofing every 15 to 25 years. A metal roof can also increase the resale value of your home. In some states a metal roof can even lower your homeowner's insurance by 35%.

The average life of a non-metal roof is 17 years. Asphalt can require re-roofing every 15 to 25 years, often sooner. But a metal roofing system offers unmatched durability, lasting 2 to 3 times longer. Chances are good that a metal roof will be the last roof you ever install on your building.

No matter what kind of roofing style, color, or finish you have now, there's a metal roofing style to match. Today's metal roofing looks just like common roofing materials such as asphalt shingle, clay tile, cedar shake or slate.

Non-metal roofing material begins to deteriorate as soon as it's exposed to the elements such as the UV rays of the sun, temperature changes, severe storms, and high winds. A metal roof will never deteriorate, and can withstand most

everything Mother Nature throws its way.

Metal roofing in light colors reflects heat effectively to reduce cooling loads in the summer and insulates homes during the winter. That can help to lower energy bills.

Most metal roofing comes with a true 30 to 50 year manufacturer warranty, plus a workmanship warranty from the installer.

Some myths about metal roofing, a metal roof will absolutely not increase the likelihood of lightning strikes. However, if your building were hit by lightning, your metal roof would disperse the energy safely throughout the structure. Since metal roofing isn't combustible or flammable, it's a low risk and desirable roofing option where severe weather is concerned, especially for lightning.

Today's metal roofing systems are built to last. Steel metal roofing has a "metallic coating" made of either zinc or a combination of zinc and aluminum. This metallic coating prevents rust from forming and is bonded to the steel at the factory. Paint is then applied over the metallic coating to provide the long-lasting color owners desire.

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