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## Tips For Picking The Right Roofer

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WASHINGTON (WUSA) - No one want to replace a roof. Robert Krughoff, president of Washington Consumers' Checkbook, looks at the upsides and downsides: "The good thing about roofs is that you don't have to replace them very often. On the other hand, if you do have to replace one you don't know how to do it and it's going to cost you a lot of money."

It's a big expense that can lead to big problems. Krughoff says "we've found many cases where the roof leaks weeks or months after the job is done, where the plants around the foundation of the house are all damaged, where there are nails all around, where the shingles aren't even. There are a lot of things that can go wrong."

**Checkbook.org** has some suggestions for finding the best roofer for the job. Krughoff recommends:

- Ask several firms to come out and give you estimates.
- Use them as your consultants for the roofing job so they can advise you on the work and materials.
- Get each firm to bid on exactly the same specs and materials with the same warrenty so you are comparing apples to apples.
- Sign a contract spelling out exactly what work the firm is going to do with what types of materials.
- Arrange to pay as late as possible.
- Make sure you get a commitment to haul away the debris. You don't want to wind up with a big pile of shingles left behind in your yard.

These are some of the Top Picks for local roofers from Washington Consumer's Checkbook.

- Economic Roofing in Jessup, MD
- Kellyco Contracting in Rockville, MD
- Signature Roofing in Manassas, VA
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