

# Is Late Winter a Smart Time to Plan a Roof Replacement?

Insights for Homeowners in Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester Counties



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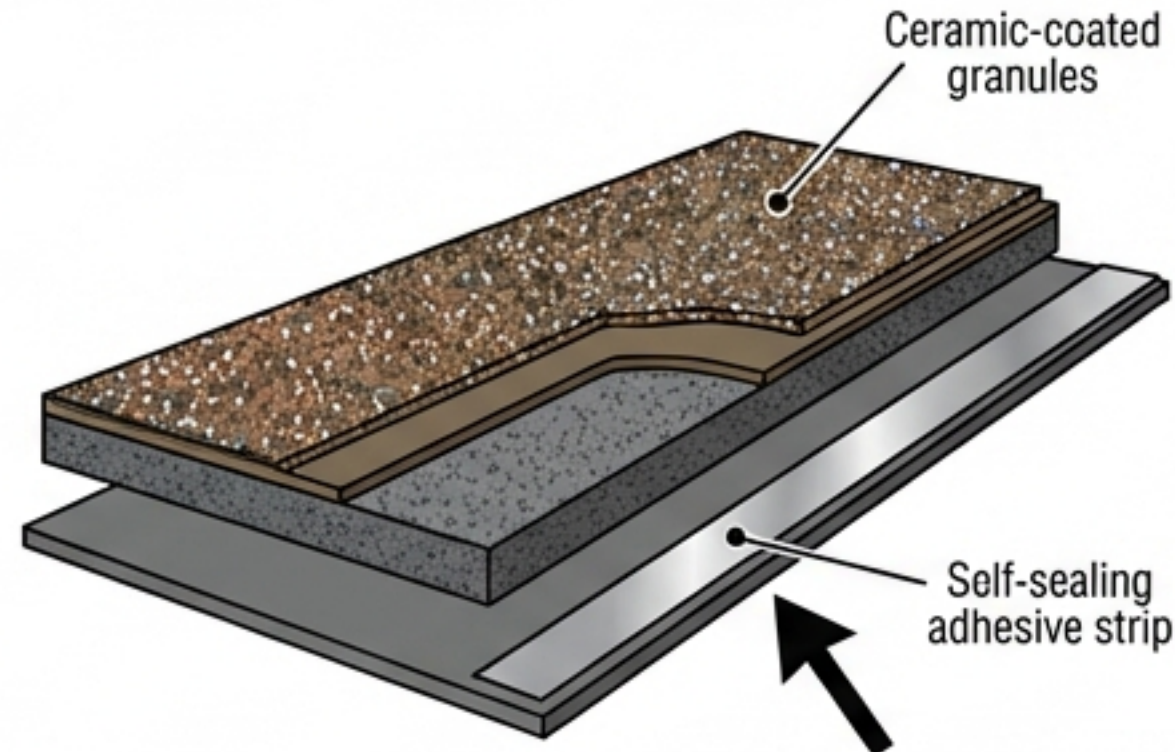
# Why Most Homeowners Wait Too Long

- ✗ **Myth:** Spring is the only safe time to replace a roof.
- ✗ **Myth:** Contractors aren't available in winter.
- ✗ **Myth:** Shingles won't install properly in the cold.



## Technical Advisory Bulletin

Installation in Cold Weather



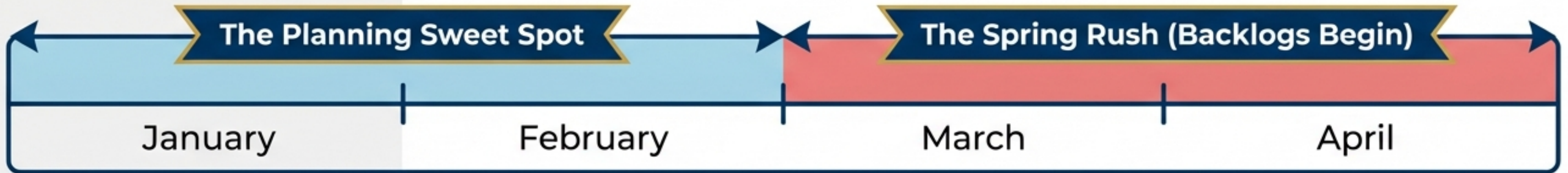
**Adhesive activation  
requires care below 40°F.**

**The 40°F Rule:** Standard installation is tricky below 40°F (4°C) as adhesives don't activate immediately. However, professional crews use hand-sealing techniques (ASTM D4586 asphalt cement) or warming boxes (Powerblanket) to ensure integrity.

**Key Insight: Cold weather requires extra care, not avoidance. Planning requires no weather window.**



# What Makes Late Winter an Ideal Planning Window?



## Beat the Backlog

Secure your slot before the massive influx of spring leak requests in April. You pick the date, not the contractor.



## Price Stability

Material prices often hike 5-10% entering peak season. Locking in a winter quote protects your budget.



## Administrative Lead Time

Permits and HOA approvals aren't instant. Use winter downtime for paperwork to be "shovel-ready" for the first warm day.



# Timing & Weather in South Jersey

Local insights for Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester Counties.

## The Weather Reality



**Avg Feb Temp: 30–45°F**  
(Rutgers Climate Data).  
Suitable for inspections,  
measurements, and prep  
work.

## The Permit Reality



- **Evesham Township:** Structural plans often required; no “over-the-counter” approvals.
- **Burlington City:** Specific zoning compliance and \$70 roofing fees.
- **The Delay Factor:** Permits in Camden/Gloucester counties can take 6+ weeks during peak season.

**Takeaway:** If you file for a permit in March, you might not build until May. File in February to build in March.



# Planning Steps to Take Today

Manageable actions that don't require climbing a ladder.

- ☐ **Book a Winter Inspection**  
Check for “Ice Dams”—ridges of ice that trap meltwater. This is a primary cause of winter leaks in NJ.
- ☐ **Review Your Warranty Strategy**  
Look for a GAF Master Elite® Contractor. Only ~2% of roofers have this status, unlocking the Golden Pledge® 50-year warranty.
- ☐ **Secure Financing**  
Pre-approval can be done now. T.A. Hughes offers financing up to \$100k with no home equity required.
- ☐ **Start the Permit Process**  
Let us handle the municipal paperwork for Evesham, Deptford, or Cherry Hill while the offices are less crowded.



# Get Ahead of the Rush

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*Roof planning now avoids spring stress and ensures you're protected before the April showers.*

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## Trust & Contact



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