

# Inside Roof Inspection

Continue the inspection from inside, where there is a whole new set of problems to look for. The obvious leak is not hard to miss, but there are warning signs you can look for that may help you stop a problem before it reaches the critical stage. Inside roof inspection:

- Sagging decking between the rafters.
- Outside light that can be seen from the attic. On any other type of roof seeing the sky through your roof is not a good sign.
- Signs of leaking in the attic. This could include dark spots in the wood, especially around vents, chimneys, and other hole to the roof, or stained drywall/ceiling tiles if your attic is finished.
- If you find a dark spot on your wood, test it to determine if it is old or a new problem. If the spot is still wet, or if it is soft when you press a screwdriver to it, the spot is a current problem. If it is dry and hard, the problem has already been taken care of and you do not need to worry more about it.
- Signs of water damage or leaking (usually in the form of water stains, or sagging ceilings) --this could be from either an active leak in the roof or to collected condensation caused by poor ventilation.

If any of the above signs are present in your roof, inside or out, you need either repairs or a new roof. It will be up to you to decide, depending on the degree of damage, what is going to be best for you and your home. Sometimes it is less expensive to pay for a new roof than to deal with fixing the damage from an old, continuously patched roof.