

You're probably ready for a new roof

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There are a lot of roofs in Sisters Country that are ready for replacement — whether the homeowners realize it or not. A roof in this country realistically lasts from about 21 to 25 years. Old concrete tile roofs or shake roofs are almost certainly at the end of their life, and there are tell-tale signs that your composite asphalt shingles are giving out.

If you're seeing "sand" in your gutters or downspouts (a sign that shingles are breaking down) or shiny or white spots or curling ridges... it's time.

Getting your roof replaced at a reasonable cost with quality materials and workmanship means seeking out a reliable company — like Elite Roofing. They work with virtually every kind of product and application, and they have the experience to get the job done quickly, efficiently — and to the highest standard.

"Most of our employees have been with us for a really long time," said owner Jon Corbett.

That means each member of a roofing crew knows his job. And that makes a difference both in the quality and consistency of the work and the timeframe needed to complete it.

"I think you end up with a better quality product in the long run,"



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Corbett said. "It doesn't take quite as long to get the job done."

There's no getting around the fact that a tear-off is messy, but Elite Roofing makes a point of being as clean as possible through the job, and a cleanup crew comes in at the end with magnets to make sure there are no stray nails laying around your driveway.

Estimates are also efficient, using computer modeling for measuring, and a consultation will present options for materials and warranty coverage so the client can make an informed decision.

Replacing a roof is a significant and important project for a homeowner; it pays to seek out experience and expertise so that you can get the work done and not have to worry about it for another couple of decades.

Riding to the rescue in plumbing emergencies

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Plumbing emergencies don't wait for good times — they happen when they happen, and homeowners need someone they can rely on to help. For more than a quarter-century, that's been Sweeney Plumbing.

"We try to come in and kind of save the day when people are in dire straits with plumbing and they don't know what to do," said Zach Sweeney, who is now the second generation running the family business. "If you need a plumber, usually you need a quick response."

Sweeney Plumbing has always prided itself on treating everyone from its nine employees to its customers like family.

Sweeney Plumbing handles everything from service calls to complete plumbing on new homes and commercial buildings. The crew is very thorough in its work plumbing a house, knowing that it's more than a job — they are often at work on a family's Sisters dream home.

The Sweeney Plumbing showroom features fixtures from toilets to tubs and sinks; kitchen and bathroom faucets from all of the major manufacturers like Delta, Kohler, Moen and Grohe. Customers are invited to peruse the showroom and handle the merchandise to see what

they like. If what's on display in the showroom isn't enough of a selection, Sweeney has access to local distributors' showrooms and can arrange a tour.

But it's not the fixtures that make Sweeney Plumbing what it is — it's an ethic of service and respect, hard work and professionalism.

They make a point of respecting the homes and properties where they do their work. Each crew totes a shop vac on their van for thorough cleanup and they wear booties to make sure they don't track in. Under current conditions, they are careful to follow guidelines and maintain all health protocols.

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Reliable, responsible, professional: That's the way Sweeney Plumbing has worked for going on three decades in their hometown.

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