



CITY OF JANESVILLE

Wisconsin's Park Place



Residential ReRoofing and Metal Roof Systems

The City of Janesville does not require a building permit for reroofing except when the structural members will be replaced or reinforced. However, the State of Wisconsin does have reroofing regulations that must be followed:

SPS 321.28 (6) New roof coverings may not be installed over existing roof coverings where any of the following conditions exist:

- (a) The existing roof or roof covering is water-soaked or has deteriorated such that it is inadequate as a base for additional roofing.
- (b) The existing roof is wood shake, slate, clay, cement or asbestos-cement tile.
- (c) The existing roof has 2 or more applications of any type of permanent roof covering.

SPS 321.28 (4) Ice Dam Protection:

- (a) Shingled or shake roofs that extend over a heated area of a dwelling or attached garage and that have a slope of 4:12 or less shall be provided with ice dam protection in the form of sheet metal or a product labeled as meeting the requirements of ASTM C 1970.
- (b) The ice dam protection shall extend at least 30 inches up the roof slope from the roof edge and at least 12 inches up the roof slope beyond the inner face of the exterior wall.

Other codes can be found at SPS 321 Subchapter VIII – Roof and Ceilings

Metal roof systems are allowed in the City of Janesville if they meet the following conditions:

1. The materials used must be specifically designed for residential roofing applications.
2. The roofing system must be UL (Underwriters Laboratory) listed.
3. The roofing system must have a Class "A" fire-rating.
4. If there are raised metal seams incorporated in the roof, the pan width must be at least 6 inches wide.
5. The color must not be bright or reflective. The color must be consistent with a typical residential roof.
6. The metal roof system must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer specifications and installation instructions. If the instructions allow, metal roofing may be applied over the top of existing shingles; however, the Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code does not allow residential roofs to have more than 2 layers of roofing materials.
7. A building permit is not required to tear off shingles or to add a layer; however, if there will be work performed to any structural member of the roof/truss system, a permit is required.

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