

ROOFING QUESTIONS

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1. Is a drip edge required by the 2013 RCO?

No. Although a recommended practice for good construction, drip edges are not required by the building code.

2. Is an ice barrier required by the 2013 RCO?

Yes. It is also commonly referred to as ice & water shield. It consists of (2) layers of underlayment cemented together or of a self-adhering polymer modified bitumen sheet. It should extend from the lowest roof edge to at least 24 inches inside the exterior wall line of the building. *It is not required for detached accessory structures that are not heated.*

3. Is the installation of $\frac{3}{8}$ " thick roof sheathing permitted by the 2013 RCO?

Yes, but with conditions. Refer to the roof sheathing portion of RCO Table 503.2.1.1(1) for new buildings. For the re-roof of existing structures, unless there was a documented structural failure, $\frac{3}{8}$ " thick roof sheathing is permitted to be replaced in the same manner in which it previously installed.