

**New 2005**  
**Code Requirements Affecting Roofing**  
**Contractors!**

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**Code Update**

**E**ffective **April 1, 2005**, the ability to re-roof over two layers of existing roofing is once again allowed. The 2003 Edition of the *Oregon Dwelling Specialty Code* prohibited the installation of a third layer over two existing layers of roofing. The 2005 Edition of the *Oregon Residential Specialty Code* allows up to **three** layers of roofing before removal of **all** existing roofing materials is required. For more information or questions contact Micheal D. Ewert at 503-373-7529 or e-mail questions to [mike.d.ewert@state.or.us](mailto:mike.d.ewert@state.or.us).

**R907.3 Recovering versus replacement.** New roof coverings shall not be installed without first removing existing roof coverings where any of the following conditions occur:

1. Where the existing roof or roof covering is water-soaked or has deteriorated to the point that the existing roof or roof covering is not adequate as a base for additional roofing.
2. Where the existing roof covering is wood shake, slate, clay, cement or asbestos-cement tile.
3. *Where the existing roof has ~~two~~ **three** or more applications of any type of roof covering.*

**Exceptions:**

1. Complete and separate roofing systems, such as standing-seam metal roof systems, that are designed to transmit the roof loads directly to the building's structural system and that do not rely on existing roofs and roof coverings for support shall not require the removal of existing roof coverings.
2. Metal panel, metal shingle, and concrete and clay tile roof coverings shall be permitted to be installed over existing wood shake roofs when applied in accordance with Section R907.4.