El Niño Roof Inspection Checklist

For Los Angeles homes | Check from the ground, the gutter line and the attic. Do not walk on a wet roof.

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From the ground (use binoculars)

- [ ] Missing, cracked or slipped shingles or tiles
- [ ] Shingle tabs lifted or folded back after wind
- [ ] Bare or dark patches where shingle granules wore away
- [ ] A sagging ridge line or a dip in any roof slope
- [ ] Bent, rusted or loose flashing at chimneys, walls, skylights
- [ ] Cracked rubber collars around vent pipes
- [ ] Leaves or debris piled in valleys and behind chimneys
- [ ] Tree limbs touching or hanging over the roof
- [ ] Stains, peeling paint or soft wood on fascia and eaves
- [ ] Debris trapped under solar panels

Call a roofer if you see

- [ ] A stain that grows after rain
- [ ] Several cracked tiles or missing shingles
- [ ] Any sag or soft spot in the roof
- [ ] Water standing on a flat roof for days after rain
- [ ] Flashing pulled away from a wall or chimney
- [ ] A steep, two-story or tile roof you cannot check safely

Gutters, downspouts and roof drains

- [ ] Gutters cleared of leaves and grit
- [ ] Gutters firmly attached, no sagging sections or open seams
- [ ] No overflow stains on the fascia or wall below the gutter
- [ ] Downspouts connected and flowing (flush with a hose)
- [ ] Downspouts discharge away from the foundation
- [ ] Flat roofs: drains and scuppers open, strainers in place

Attic and ceilings (dry day, flashlight)

- [ ] No daylight showing through the roof deck
- [ ] No water stains or dark rings on the deck, rafters or nails
- [ ] Insulation dry, not flattened or stained
- [ ] No rusted nail tips through the deck
- [ ] No stains around the chimney, vent pipes or skylights
- [ ] Ceilings and upper walls: no brown rings or bubbling paint

Notes (what you saw, where, and the date)

Full guide with roof-type details: overheadroofingca.com/el-nino-roof-inspection-checklist/

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