# Repairing your roof leak.

### **Surface preparation:**

Use a brush to clean away all dirt, dust, gravel, and any other loose particles. Wire brush metal to remove rust and scale. Cut away old roof cement if it prevents a smooth patch.

#### To repair metal flashing leaks:

- 1. Apply a layer of roof cement between adjoining materials.
- Trowel a second layer of cement across the top of the flashing, and work to a feathered edge to allow for drainage.





# To repair asphalt or fiberglass shingle leaks:

- 1. Apply a small dab of roof cement under the shingle tabs.
- 2. If nails are missing, replace and trowel cement over flush nail heads.

### To repair a hairline split or separation on a low slope roof:

- Trowel a 1/4" layer of roof cement into and around repair area, running 2" up and 2" out of any vertical leak, or 2" past either end of a leak on a flat surface.
- 2. Reinforce patch with a minimum of one ply of reinforcing fabric completely embedded in the roof cement.
- 3. Apply another 1/4" application of roof cement over the top. Feather the edges so they are smooth, and water can run off the patch.

## To repair blisters on a low slope roof:

- Cut raised area in an "X" If moisture is found, allow to dry before proceeding.
- 2. Trowel roof cement into open area and re-attach the cut sections.
- 3. Apply another layer of roof cement over the area extending 6" beyond the "X" cut on all sides.
- 4. Embed reinforcing fabric over the area into the roof cement. Apply another layer of roof cement, extending 2" over the patch in all directions, and embed a second ply of reinforcing fabric. Apply final layer of roof cement, extending 2" on all sides.







