

A skylight that leaks isn't just ugly it may mean your roof has a more serious problem. Any time you notice a leak around your skylight(or anywhere in your home), you should find out why and correct any problems as soon as possible.

When you first notice a leak you should completely inspect the skylight and surrounding area. Check that the leak is not condensation that has moved along the underside of the glass and dripped down the side of the interior. This can be common in our colder climate, or if the skylight is in a damp location like bathroom, or kitchen. Also, if your skylight opens, double check that it is fully closed, and that weather seals are in good condition. If the leak occur only in winter, in fall, or when there is snow or ice on the roof check for leaves, ice, snow or other debris that might be preventing the flow of water causing it to back up under the roof shingles. If the skylight and surrounding area looks good then it's time to check the rest of your roof, look at vents, flashing or other roof penetrations. Water can travel quite a distance before finding its way to an indoor opening at the skylight. For a complete roof and skylight inspection, hire a reputable contractor with a strong reputation in repairs.

If you have an insulated-glass frame a leak may have permitted water to enter the window structure, forcing apart or damaging the seal of the insulated glass. If the insulated glass unit of the skylight has failed, you may be able to re-seal it against further water leakage. However, only replacing the skylight will remove the condensation and opaque skylight glass of that damaged unit.

If the skylight roof flashing is leaking, you may be able to make a temporary repair by using roof flashing cement around the perimeter of the unit. However, to make a permanent repair to the skylight means removing the shingles near the skylight, install the correct flashing, then re-install new shingles where they were removed. Please Note: Most skylights have a special flashing kit that is specifically designed for your skylight.

If you notice any leaking around your skylight (or elsewhere), contact Zablocki Roofing for a complete diagnosis and a solution to your problem. We're here to help with all your exterior and repair needs, and have over 10 years serving the greater St. Cloud, MN area. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 320.203.1297 or visit us at www.zablockiroofing.com.