

Gutter planning checklist

Take this around the house before you ask for estimates. Everything here can be checked from the ground.

1. Measure and mark

- ☐ Length of each roof edge that needs gutters (feet): _____
- ☐ Stories at each gutter line, and any spot hard to reach (decks, slopes, plantings)
- ☐ Valleys and inside corners where two roof planes send water to one spot
- ☐ Trees over the roof: heavy / some / none, and what kind (fir, pine, maple)

2. Watch it in the rain

- ☐ Where water spills over the front edge, and whether it is every rain or only heavy rain
- ☐ Drips at corners, seams, end caps or outlets
- ☐ Water running behind the gutter or down the wall
- ☐ Where each downspout lets go: next to the wall, extension or splash block, or a pipe in the ground
- ☐ Puddles or soggy soil along the foundation

3. Look at the board behind the gutter

- ☐ Dark stains, peeling paint, soft or split fascia (note where)
- ☐ Sections sagging or pulling away

4. Compare estimates line by line

Item	Estimate A	Estimate B
Gutter size, profile, gauge		
Hanger type and spacing		
Downspouts: count, size, where each discharges		
Removal and haul-away of old gutters		
Plan if the fascia is soft		
Buried connection and permit		

Sales tax shown or included		
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5. Check the contractor

- ☐ Registration, bond and insurance on Washington L&I's Verify a Contractor tool
- ☐ Downspout plan follows the city's drainage rules for this address (roof water never to the sanitary sewer in Kent)

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