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When it comes to roofing technologies that are remarkably well-suited to the erratic Vancouver-area weather, a torch-on (sometimes known as torch-down or rubberized asphalt) roof is hard to beat. This is especially true of flat-roofed buildings in wet and windy climates like ours, as these roofs offer excellent waterproofing and insulation in addition to a strong level of resistance to hail and UV rays. Quality torch-on membranes consist of a polyester or fiberglass mat layer topped with asphalt sheets, with the asphalt seams then being able to be torched down onto a fusible surface in order to create a waterproof seal. This combination of asphalt and the rubberized polymers in the fiberglass and polyester layers create a roofing material that is uniquely durable and flexible, making them able to withstand high winds and rapid changes in climate far better than most other options.

Additionally, it should be noted that a torch-on roof is a remarkably good solution for those with high sensitivities to chemical fumes. While installation of the typical tar and gravel roofs that are often found on flat buildings are usually associated with noxious fumes from the hot tar, the neat, straightforward, and simple nature of a torch-on roof allows you to avoid this particular unpleasantness. The hotter the weather, the longer tar fumes are likely to linger if a traditional tar and gravel roof is applied. Should you require a new roof to be applied during a hot stretch of weather, torch-on is a particularly fine solution. Additionally, most people find the aesthetic value of a torch-on roof to be far better than that of the tar and gravel variety, which is something to bear in mind if you plan on selling your home in the next few years.

Once you have had a torch-on roof installed, it's recommended that you maintain it by blowing all debris off the roof on a semi-annual basis. This simple step can increase the life and efficiency of your roof by quite a bit, so make sure that this is something that you seriously look into and plan or schedule for if a torch-on roof is on your short list of roofing solutions.

Generally speaking, RCABC (Roofing Contractors Association of British Columbia) quality torch-on roofs have a lifespan of about twenty five with maintenance and repair only needing to be performed in extreme cases. While applying this type of material to your flat or low-sloped roof is indeed a great way to maximize weather resistance and aesthetic value while minimizing maintenance costs, it should be noted that the torch-on roofing materials and labor are very cost competitive to that of the traditional tar and gravel variety. However, many residents of Vancouver and other cities in similar climates report a remarkably high rate of satisfaction and increased home value with a torch-on roof, so this is something to consider as you decide how you would like the roof over your head to be constructed. The constant fluctuation in temperatures that characterize the seasons in and around Vancouver render most roofing materials quite leak-prone indeed, so a torch-on roof can potentially save you quite a bit of money when it comes to repairing drips, fissures, and any resulting water damage or animal infestation.

As with any type of contracting project, the price of a torch-on roof can vary greatly from one provider to the next. However, while a torch-on roof is applied in most cases without incident, there remains a chance of fire from the torches used to weld the asphalt seams. With that in mind, it pays to ensure that you do your research when hiring any roofing professional for the job, especially when verifying that the providers under consideration are fully licensed and insured.

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