

## Guidelines at a Glance- Roofing

Is it time to think about replacing your roof? Wondering what roof materials would look best with your home's style? The character of the roof is an important part of homes and buildings in Central Gardens. The Central Garden's design guidelines are here to help you make the right choice.

Depending on your home's style, traditional roof materials include tile, slate, wood shingles and composite shingles. The selected roofing material should convey a scale and texture to those traditionally used in the neighborhood. For example, composite shingles are most often used on a Four Square or Bungalow, while tile is more common on Italian Renaissance or Mediterranean Revival homes. One should also consider color when choosing a roof; repetition of similarly colored roofs along a street contributes to a sense of visual continuity. Metal roofs are generally not acceptable except on porches.

Chimneys not only provide a practical, functional use, but they are also decorative, stylistic opportunities. The guidelines recommend brick, stucco and stone as appropriate materials for chimneys. Wood, wood substitutes, metal and stucco with wood trim are discouraged.

Preserving the charm and character of Central Gardens is essential to maintaining our unique, historic neighborhood.

For additional information and images, please consult the Architectural Design Guidelines and Users Guide, available at <http://www.centralgardens.org/propertyguidelines> .

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