

Hints *For* Homeowners

Quick Fixes For Leaky Roofs

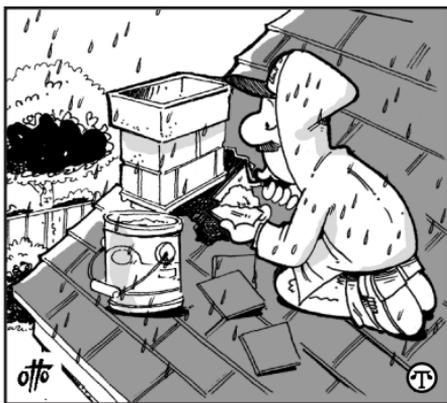
(NAPSA)—If a storm causes a leak in your roof, it can pay to be on top of things—quickly. More than 80 percent of home water damage occurs during the first six hours of a storm, and virtually all types of weather—from thunderstorms, hail and freezing rain to high winds and driving rain—can cause roof damage and leaks.

The good news is that most homeowners can quickly patch up roof leaks with do-it-yourself roof repair cement—whether it's an emergency patch job or a leak that's needed repairing for a long time. Experts say the keys are to use good roof-safety fundamentals and a roof cement designed for permanent repairs.

For example, Henry Company makes 208R Rubberized Wet Patch Roof Cement which is available at fine hardware stores, such as Home Depot. It's a wet-applied roof cement effective on almost any roof surface under almost all conditions—from extreme heat to freezing temperatures. It can be used on minor roof leaks caused by leaky skylights, chimneys, split or cracked seams or shingles, punctures, failing gutters, and raised or blistered edges.

If you plan on repairing a leak in your roof, start by locating the damaged area. Then scrape or sweep away residue, dirt, leaves or other debris that could interfere with good roof-cement adhesion. Next, follow these steps:

• **Step 1:** Apply a 1/4" thick layer of Henry 208R Rubberized Wet Patch Roof Cement (use Henry 209 if you are working on a



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dry roof) into roof cracks and holes, extending two to four inches beyond the damaged area. Work the cement in with a trowel or putty knife to ensure a good bond with the roof surface.

• **Step 2:** Cut a strip of yellow Henry 183 Repair Fabric so it measures slightly smaller than the cement area just applied, and then press it into the roof cement with your putty knife. The fabric provides the strength and durability that the repair requires.

• **Step 3:** Apply another 1/4" thick layer of cement over the repair fabric, working from the center out. Feather the edges of the cement one to two inches beyond the fabric. Once weather conditions permit, homeowners can coat their roof patch with a fibered aluminum coating to protect it from damaging UV.

One last tip: Before beginning any roof repair project, it's a good idea to read all product instructions and visit the how-to guides at www.Henry.com.