

Attic Ventilation Best Practices

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Why Attic Ventilation Matters

A properly designed attic ventilation system helps manage heat and moisture, improves your home's durability, and supports long-term performance. Good attic performance also depends on controlling air leakage from the living space into the attic—not ventilation alone.

Best Practices

- Maintain balanced intake and exhaust ventilation.
- Keep soffit vents clear using insulation baffles where needed.
- Seal air leaks from the living space before adding more ventilation.
- Ensure attic insulation is properly installed and remains dry.
- Vent bathroom, kitchen, and dryer exhausts directly outdoors.
- Inspect the attic regularly for moisture, staining, or condensation.
- Repair roof leaks promptly.
- Manage indoor humidity year-round.

Common Mistakes

- Blocking soffit vents with insulation.
- Venting bathroom fans into the attic.
- Assuming additional roof vents alone solve moisture issues.
- Ignoring air leakage from the home below.
- Mixing incompatible ventilation strategies.
- Waiting until visible damage appears before investigating.

Signs Your Attic May Need Attention

- Frost or condensation on roof sheathing.
- Dark staining on wood framing.
- Rusted roofing nails.
- Musty odors.
- Ice dams along roof edges.
- Damp or compressed insulation.
- Excessively hot attic temperatures.

Kali's Tip

A healthy attic is created by managing air, moisture, insulation, and ventilation together. Small improvements today can help protect your home's long-term durability.

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