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KNOXVILLE, TN, UNITED STATES, August 12, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Tony's Roofs](#) Urges Knoxville Homeowners to Think Beyond the Roof: Your Home's Exterior Should Work as One System

Founder [Tony Moore](#) explains how roofs, gutters, siding, fascia and soffit work together to protect East Tennessee homes from costly water damage



When homeowners notice a problem with their roof, gutters or siding, the natural reaction is often to repair the damaged area and move on. But according to Tony Moore, founder of Tony's Roofs in Knoxville, treating each component separately can sometimes leave the real problem untouched.

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Moore says a home's roof, gutters, siding, fascia and soffit should be viewed as one connected exterior protection system—especially in East Tennessee, where heavy rainfall, humidity, heat, falling leaves and changing temperatures

can put exterior materials to the test.

“After years of working on homes around Knoxville, I’ve learned that water is lazy, but it’s persistent,” said Moore. “Give it one little opening, and it will find somewhere it has absolutely no business being. That’s why we don’t just look at the obvious damage. We want to know where the problem started.”

The Roof Is Only the Beginning

A home's roof serves as its first line of defense, shedding rainwater and directing it toward the roof's edge. Flashing, drip edge and other roofing components help control where that water travels.

But getting water off the roof is only half the job.

Gutters are designed to collect that runoff and direct it through downspouts and away from the structure. When gutters become clogged, damaged, improperly pitched or overwhelmed, water can spill over onto fascia, soffit and siding or collect around the foundation.

"Gutters aren't exactly the most exciting home improvement purchase," Moore joked. "I've never had a homeowner call me just to brag about their gutters. But when they stop working correctly, they can suddenly become one of the most important things on the house."

Overflowing gutters can contribute to rotting wood, staining, soil erosion, moisture around crawlspaces and basements, and deterioration of other exterior materials.

Siding Problems May Start Somewhere Else

Siding is another important piece of the system. While homeowners often choose siding for appearance and curb appeal, its primary purpose includes helping protect the structure underneath from moisture and weather.

According to Moore, homeowners should be cautious about assuming damaged siding is simply a siding problem.

Water staining, deterioration or rot near an exterior wall could actually originate from damaged flashing, overflowing gutters, deteriorated fascia or roofing problems higher on the home.

"Replacing damaged siding without figuring out where the water came from is a little like putting a bucket underneath a leaking pipe and announcing that you fixed the plumbing," Moore said. "The floor might be dry for now, but you haven't solved the problem."

One Small Problem Can Create a Chain Reaction

During a heavy Knoxville downpour, a properly functioning exterior system follows a simple path: the roof sheds water, gutters collect it, downspouts move it away, and siding, fascia and soffit help protect vulnerable areas of the home.

When one component fails, however, the damage can spread.

A clogged gutter may allow fascia to remain wet. Moisture can then reach areas behind siding or

around the roofline. Over time, a relatively inexpensive maintenance issue can become a much larger repair.

Moore encourages homeowners to periodically walk around their property and look for visible warning signs, including sagging or overflowing gutters, damaged or missing shingles, loose siding, peeling or deteriorating fascia, damaged soffit, exterior water stains and water pooling near the foundation.

Homeowners should avoid climbing onto their roofs to perform their own inspections.

“You can spot quite a bit from the ground,” Moore said. “And if something needs a closer look, call somebody with the proper equipment. Your roof can be repaired. Your knees are harder to order.”

Protecting the Entire Home

Tony’s Roofs encourages Knoxville-area homeowners experiencing repeated exterior problems to consider whether those issues may be connected rather than continuing to repair individual symptoms.

“Not every problem means somebody needs a brand-new roof,” Moore said. “Sometimes it’s a repair. Sometimes it’s the gutters. Sometimes it’s siding, fascia or soffit. The important part is finding the cause before a small problem becomes an expensive one.”

For homeowners, Moore says the goal is simple: keep water out, move water away and protect the structure as a whole.

About Tony’s Roofs

Tony’s Roofs is a locally owned and operated exterior contracting company proudly serving Knoxville and communities throughout East Tennessee. Built on decades of hands-on industry experience, Tony’s Roofs provides professional roof replacements, roof repairs, roof rejuvenation, siding, gutters, fascia, soffit, decks, and exterior maintenance services. The company is committed to honest recommendations, quality workmanship, and helping homeowners protect their biggest investment without selling them something they don’t need. From a small repair to a complete exterior transformation, Tony’s Roofs approaches every home with one goal: do the job right, treat people right, and build something that lasts.

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