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Joe McKenna: Depending on the severity of them, repairs can become expensive. It gets to the point where it may just be worth, instead of throwing good money after bad, put a new roof on.

Lee Wallace: How brittle the shingles are is a big indication that the roof is nearing the end of its life expectancy, but it typically takes an expert to do that assessment.

Joe McKenna: We would make the assessment on how long the roof has left on it, and then what the price would be to replace it. We've had several clients where we've done multiple repairs for them. I've dealt with several that say, "Look, I've spent thousands of dollars on repair. The new roof's only this much more." So, it wouldn't be a recommendation from us. Ultimately, that's the homeowner's decision.