

What is important in a water management system?

Decide what is important to you for your water management system and research it properly. Research the installing company carefully. Spend what you need to get the system that fits your criteria and do it as soon as possible to avoid further damage to your home.

Homeowners make three big mistakes when purchasing home improvement products.

- **Wrong Product:** Home owner doesn't get enough information to distinguish between various products and relies on lowest price. Consequently, the product doesn't live up to their expectations.
- **Wrong Company:** Home owner purchases a quality product and it is negated by improper installation or failure to stand behind the product. Consequently, the product fails to live up to their expectations.
- **Not Do Anything:** Home owner doesn't get enough information to feel comfortable about buying anything. Consequently, the problem gets much worse and more expensive to fix.

Do your research.

This is the age of information. The internet has made it possible to efficiently research any product or company before a consumer spends a dime. The key here is to determine what you are looking for and to take the time to do the research. It's okay and very common to find new criteria during the course of your research. We often make new decisions based off of new information. Here are some very basic guidelines to look for in an effective gutter protection system.

The home's water management system, in this case, gutters, downspouts, and gutter protection must channel all of the water off the roof, into the gutters, and away from the home. This must be accomplished without clogging. The system needs to be durable so that it doesn't need to be replaced every couple of years. It shouldn't require maintenance on the part of the homeowner, as it is in many cases, purchased primarily to keep the homeowner off of the ladder. It should not devalue your home by creating an eyesore on your roof. The product should be installed by true factory trained and certified installers. The system should be backed up by a no nonsense guaranty without any fine print.

If you can find a system that encompasses all of these criteria, then you will have purchased an effective system.

