



# GutterShed™: An innovative approach to gutter protection

## The problems with gutters...

When gutters are clean they collect rainwater that falls from the roof and direct it to drains. But when leaves and debris collect in the gutters and obstruct the drains, water fills the gutters and overflow can ruin house siding and flood basements. Screens placed over the gutter quickly clog with leaves and debris. Solid metal caps deflect leaves over the edge but still allow debris into the gutters, and the caps cannot be easily opened for gutter cleaning or inspection.

## What is the GutterShed?

GutterShed is a new concept in gutter protection. A plate of perforated, plastic-coated aluminum is attached to the outer lip of the gutter and the upper edge lies on top of the shingles. Because of the peculiar effects of surface tension, rain water adheres to the granular surface of the shingle, flows under the line of contact with the shingles and into the gutter. Leaves and debris are deflected onto the plate and are washed off by rain that hits the plate or by wind when they are dry. The gutter needs absolutely no cleaning!

## How effective is the GutterShed?

GutterShed has been installed on under-the-eave gutters of numerous houses with surrounding maples, oaks, walnuts, locusts, ash, cottonwoods, pine, and elms. Since installing the GutterShed, these gutters have remained clean, rainwater has passed entirely through the gutters, and the gutters have required no maintenance. Some gravel and dust penetrate the GutterShed, but these cause no restriction to flow of water in the gutter or drains.

**FINALLY A GUTTER  
DEFENSE THAT IS  
GUARANTEED\* TO BE  
MAINTENANCE-FREE!**



Homeowners with GutterSheds have commented on their effectiveness stating “I checked the gutters this weekend. All clean! You have no idea how happy that makes me!”

\*We're so confident that GutterSheds will prevent clogging of gutters and drains without maintenance that we guarantee it for up to 10 years after purchase! Simply provide photographic proof of clogged gutters forming under properly installed GutterSheds, and we will return your purchase price.

**Want to learn more about  
GutterSheds? Visit our website  
or contact us!**

**Carrie Zylstra**  
General Manager

Lafayette, Indiana  
P: 616-460-6931  
E: [info@guttershed.com](mailto:info@guttershed.com)  
[www.guttershed.com](http://www.guttershed.com)

## Is GutterShed hard to install and do I need a contractor?

GutterShed is easy to install. Merely place three metal clips through holes near the edge of each four-foot plate. Lay the GutterShed on the roof with the edge near the outer lip of the gutter. Use the GutterPunch or a drill to create holes on the lip of the gutter near the clips. Squeeze the clips and advance them through the holes, and the GutterShed plate is secured. For gutters on the first story, homeowners can install GutterShed themselves. For gutters on second stories, we recommend hiring a local contractor.

## How about unusual roofs and shingles?

For swale gutters of Victorian houses, a much wider version of GutterShed is available. The attachments are secured by washers and rubber cement, to avoid drilling holes in the original copper gutters. For roofs with very thick shingles and staggered design, small pieces of the Shed material can cover open spaces. For gutters hung under flat metal roofs, merely bend the plate along the crease in the middle to lie flat on the metal roof. We have instructions on how to fit the GutterShed to almost any gutter and roof shingle design.



GutterShed installation on regular under-the-eave gutters

## Can I open the GutterShed to inspect the gutter?

The GutterShed plate can be easily opened for gutter inspection, or for removing shingle gravel or dirt particles that sometimes penetrate or pass under the Shed. To open the Shed, simply place a ladder next to a plate and swing it open on the clip hinges. Small particles and dirt can be removed manually or by using a water hose, but this is not necessary on any regular basis as they do not affect water flow in the gutter.

## Are GutterSheds expensive?

The cost for GutterSheds is approximately \$4 per linear foot, which is slightly more than plastic or metal screen alternatives that are placed over the gutters. However, these cheaper screens soon clog with leaves and debris and frequent cleaning is required. Often it is more difficult to clean the protective screens than to clean the gutter itself. More sophisticated gutter protection devices such as solid metal caps are higher in cost when compared to GutterShed plates.

## Why are there so many different products for gutter protection, and yet I haven't heard about this one before?

The reason so many products are marketed for gutter protection is that none of them work very well. GutterShed is a new product based on years of research in hydraulics and surface tension with subsequent years of testing on homes in heavily wooded areas. If you have been dissatisfied with other gutter protection devices, then it's time to try GutterShed!



Installation of GutterSheds on gutters built into a roof with very thick shingles

