

Why Walking on a Tile Roof Is Bad for Your Roof (and Your Wallet)

We never walk on tile roofs — ever.

Tile roofs are one of the most beautiful and longest-lasting roofing systems available. However, they are also one of the most delicate when it comes to foot traffic. Even a single step in the wrong place can cause damage that is expensive to repair and sometimes not visible until a leak occurs.

At Like New, we use ground-based and no-foot-contact methods whenever possible. Your roof is too important to risk.

WHY TILE ROOFS ARE ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE



Tile Support Points Are Limited

Tiles are supported only at specific points by battens. Stepping between support points places stress on the tile body, leading to cracks.



Brittle by Design

Concrete and clay tiles are strong in compression but brittle under point pressure. Weight concentrates force in a small area, causing failure.



Heat Makes It Worse

Hot tiles expand and become more brittle, increasing the risk of cracks during foot traffic.



Overlap System Can Be Disrupted

Even slight movement can break the carefully engineered overlap that keeps water out.



Repairs Are Expensive

Replacing individual tile roofs is labor-intensive and costly. Preventing damage is far less expensive than repairing it.



THE TRUE RISKS OF WALKING ON TILE ROOFS



Cracked or Broken Tiles

Tiles are brittle by nature. Stepping on the wrong spot can crack the tile, break corners, or cause hidden hairline fractures.



Tiles Can Shift or Dislodge

Weight can push tiles out of their intended position, disrupting how they overlap and shed water.



Damaged Fasteners and Underlayment

Walking can stress or break fasteners and compromise the underlayment, which is your home's true barrier against leaks.



Compromised Water-Shedding

Lifted or cracked tiles create pathways for water intrusion, which may not be visible until significant damage occurs.



Ridge, Hip, and Edge Damage

These areas are not designed to support body weight and are extremely vulnerable to breakage.



Damage Often Hidden from View

Many issues cannot be seen from the ground and only appear after water has already caused damage beneath the surface.



What looks solid from the ground can be compromised above. Preventing damage now helps avoid costly repairs later.

OUR APPROACH: PROTECT FIRST, ALWAYS



We Never Walk on Tile Roofs

We use specialized equipment and ground-based techniques to apply cleaning solutions safely and effectively.



Professional Application from the Ground

Our systems deliver effective cleaning without the risk of foot traffic, protecting your roof while still achieving outstanding results.



We Document Every Project

Before and after photos ensure transparency and provide you with a clear record of the work performed.



THE BOTTOM LINE

A tile roof is engineered to protect your home—not support foot traffic. By eliminating footsteps, we protect your roof, your home, and your investment.