



Project Preparation Checklist

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This checklist is designed to help everyone prepare for a successful Brava roof installation by highlighting key steps, important questions, and fostering clear communication to ensure a positive experience from start to finish.

Note: This checklist is a supplement, not a substitute, for installation guides, code requirements, and regional references. Review all relevant documents, as additional planning may be needed based on your project's location and specifics.

PROJECT DETAILS & PLANNING

[HTTPS://WWW.BRAVAROOFTILE.COM/RESOURCES/#INSTALLATION-APPLICATION](https://www.bravarooftile.com/resources/#installation-application)

☐ What to do with your sample:

View the product samples under different lighting conditions—morning, full daylight, and evening. View all provided pieces from various distances, such as up close, 10 feet, and 50 feet away. Keep in mind that once installed on your roof, the angle and distance will impact how the colors and textures appear, likely differing from what you see when holding the product.

☐ Roof Report/Drawings Review:

Confirm the total roof area in squares (SQ) and the linear footage required for Brava products. Identify any special elements—such as complex geometries, dormers, turrets, skylights, or chimneys—that may necessitate additional considerations. "Squares" (SQ) measure roof area, not home square footage. One SQ equals 100 sq ft of roof surface.

☐ Roof Slope & Deck Preparation:

Code

Confirm that the decking material, substructure, and fasteners comply with regional and local building codes and align with Brava's structural integrity specifications.

Decking Material

Verify that the decking material is appropriate for the roof assembly and meets required fire and wind code specifications.

Battens (Barrel Tile)

Determine if battens (strapping or purlins) are needed. Ensure fasteners meet or exceed Brava's material requirements, and specify the batten type—treated lumber, composite, or metal. Confirm the roof slope is within Brava's guidelines for steep-slope products, with a minimum of 3:12 (full self-adhered underlayment recommended) or 4:12 and above.

☐ Regional Code and Material Requirements:

Regional code requirements and industry best practices can significantly impact underlayment, fastener, decking, ventilation, and other material and design choices.

Florida and Coast Regions have very specific requirements.

[Codes & Testing Resources](#)

[Florida Region Codes & Resources](#)

☐ Quantities for Roof System Products:

Calculate the exact quantities (bundles) needed for Brava roofing products. See waste section.

Cedar Shake

- Starter
- Field Shake
- Solid Shake
- Hip & Ridge Cap (Low)
- Hip & Ridge Cap (Std)
- Hip & Ridge Cap (Steep)

Slate

- Starter
- Field Shake
- Solid Shake
- Hip & Ridge Cap (Low)
- Hip & Ridge Cap (Std)
- Hip & Ridge Cap (Steep)
- Single or Multi-Width

Spanish Barrel Tile

- Eave Starter
- Field Tile
- Ridge/Headwall Closure
- Bullnose (Hip/Ridge Starter)
- Hip & Rake Cap
- Top Ridge
- Rake Edge (Optional)

Select the [SPECS & ACCESSORIES](#) tab on the applicable product page for detailed coverage and packaging information.

☐ Waste Factors:

Have you accounted for waste? Typical waste factors for roofing projects vary based on roof complexity and product.

Field Tile: Shake/Slate ~10% | Barrel Tile ~15%

Accessories: Shake/Slate ~15% | Barrel Tile ~20%

[TB-250401 | Minimizing Installation Waste](#)

☐ Installation Accessories:

Confirm that all required accessories are included in the material order. This should cover applicable underlayment (ASTM D226 Type II - Standard Felt or Synthetic, ASTM D1970 Ice & Water Shield, Fire Resistant), metal and flexible flashing, fasteners, roof ventilation components, snow guards, solar mounts, and paint or sealant for roof accessories.

Brava may not sell all accessories required for some projects. Confirm what additional materials your installer will need.

☐ Installation Material Delivery Timeline & Storage Plan:

Plan on-site material storage to protect against extreme temperatures, moisture, dust, overspray, and contaminants. Store materials on their original pallets on a flat, level surface, avoiding stacking that could deform tiles. Complete masonry work before installing Brava materials to prevent hard-to-remove dust buildup. Include contingency plans for unexpected weather or site conditions.

BRAVA MATERIAL SELECTION & ORDERING

☐ Confirm Brava Product Type:

- ☐ Cedar Shake
- ☐ Single-Width Slate
- ☐ Multi-Width Slate
- ☐ Spanish Barrel

Confirm whether this project involves a mix of Brava roofing products or a combination with other materials.

Note: Carefully assess for low slope or flat areas, aggressive curves, or other design features that may be unsuitable for this application.

☐ Project Timeline & Point of Sale/Purchase:

Lead times and stocking availability can vary. For tighter timelines, consider Brava's preferred or in-network distribution partners to ensure quicker access to materials. Some product profiles, colors, and specifications may require special orders in certain markets, potentially extending lead times. To secure your project timeline, consider placing orders as early as possible.

☐ Ensure that the correct product configurations have been selected/ordered:

- ☐ Color (Standard, Premium, Cool Roof, Other)
- ☐ Fire Rating (Class A System or Class C)

[Codes & Testing Resources](#)

[Code Evaluation Report \(CER\)](#)

- **For Class A Spanish Barrel Tile, Class A Material must be ordered and installed over GAF VersaShield FR underlayment.***
 - **For Class A Cedar Shake and Slate, Standard Material should be ordered and installed over tested FR underlayment.***
- [TB-230701 - Brava Class A Systems with Fire Resistant Underlayment](#)

- ☐ Standard or High UV (High Elevation)

For Brava Roof Styles & Color Options:

<https://www.bravarooftile.com/resources/#color-details>

☐ Color Matching Trim & Accessories

Discuss color-matching elements such as trim, flashing, venting, etc. (ordered or field painted to match).

[Brava Color Matching Guide](#)

[TB-240503 Roof Accessory Paint & Sealant](#)

☐ Special Details:

All Profiles

- ☐ Review the planned products and details for roof section transitions and perimeters, including slope transitions, rake/hip starters, and rake, hip, valley, or ridge transitions.

Note: Account for cutting requirements or the use of solids and specially designed products (Spanish Barrel Tile Bullnose) in the planning, ordering, and installation stages.

- ☐ **Valleys:** Confirm if valleys will be open, closed, or varied across the project, and verify the required metal crimp height and type based on valley design. Discuss color matching as needed. Apply the same metal detail to rakes if solids are not used.

Cedar Shake & Slate

- ☐ **Hip & Ridge Caps:** Identify the types of hip & ridge slopes and details for your project and confirm that the appropriate Hip & Ridge Caps have been ordered. If you plan to cut caps at eave hip terminations, refer to Hip & Ridge Cap Technical Bulletin to confirm preferred option.
- [TB-240601 - Hip & Ridge Caps - Cedar Shake & Slate Roof Systems](#)

- ☐ **Solids:** Determine if Solid Shakes or Slates will be used throughout the project or on specific details, if applicable. Solids are recommended at rakes and valleys for the most natural appearance.

Spanish Barrel Tile & Flat Tile

- ☐ **Battens and Nailers:** Determine if battens (specify type) and/or nailers are needed for the project. If using nailers, ensure they are pressure-treated if wood, with synthetic or metal also being options. Verify nailer height requirements as applicable.

Note: Check the condition and correctness of all delivered products before installation.

NON-BRAVA MATERIAL SELECTION & ORDERING

☐ Underlayment & Fasteners: <https://www.bravarooftile.com/resources/#installation-application>

- **UNDERLAYMENT:** Verify that the selected underlayments align with Brava's guidelines, comply with local codes, and adhere to regional industry best practices.
- Determine if ASTM D1970 Self-Adhered Underlayment (Ice & Water Shield, "High-Temp," "Peel-and-Stick," self-sealing UL) will be used in valleys (required), along rakes and eaves (often recommended, but optional), or on any 3:12 roof sections and/or above unconditioned spaces. Depending on the regional climate and desired waterproofing, ASTM D1970 UL is sometimes installed over the entire roof. Check venting requirements.
[TB-240401 - Balanced Attic Ventilation](#)
- Confirm if a special Fire Rating (FR) code is required, necessitating a specific Brava material, underlayment application, and/or installation method. If so, verify that the chosen underlayment meets the fire rating requirements and that the complete assembly has been tested and approved.

[Codes & Testing Resources](#)

[Code Evaluation Report \(CER\)](#)

[TB-230701 - Brava Class A Systems with Fire Resistant Underlayment - Cedar Shake and Slate](#)

For Class A Spanish Barrel Tile, Class A Material must be ordered and installed over GAF VersaShield.

- **FASTENERS:** Verify that the underlayments selected meet Brava's guidance and desired wind warranty requirements, follow local code, and regional industry best practices.

Code: Verify that planned fasteners meet Brava's guidelines, local codes, and regional best practices. Note that some areas require specific fastener types, gauges, and lengths.

Fastener Type: Confirm the type of fastener in use.

Corrosion-resistant ring shank roofing nails or screws with at least 3/4" deck penetration are required. Assess if stainless steel fasteners are appropriate, especially in coastal areas.

Wind Warranty: Determine the required warranty level and expected wind coverage. Ring shank roofing nails or screws offer varying wind speeds for warranty coverage, with 2" screws required for the highest wind warranty.

Accessory Fasteners: Verify if roof accessories, like hip and ridge caps, require longer fasteners, which may depend on ridge vent and nailer height. Fasteners must penetrate 3/4" into the decking or nailer; standard fastener lengths used for field tile may suffice. If unsure, 3" fasteners are recommended to ensure adequate length.

<https://www.bravarooftile.com/resources/#codes-testing>
[TTB-230501 Wind Warranty Installation Requirements](#)

☐ Ventilation:

Ventilation:

- Confirm the roof's ventilation requirements.
- Will you be using ridge vents, roll vents, off-ridge vents, or soffit vents?
- What is the vent layout plan and expected NFVA?
[TB-240401 - Balanced Attic Ventilation](#)

Metal, Flashing, & Penetrations:

- Confirm that all metal components are included in the order, covering flashing, flexible flashing (for nailers and other specific details), roll flashing, and pipe boots.

Roof Accessory Paint & Sealant:

- Confirm if any metal accessories or flashing details need to be painted to match the roof. If so, specify the selected paint or color.
- Identify any areas of the roof that will require sealant or adhesive. Confirm approved sealants are available.
- Determine if color-matching the sealant to the roof or accessories is necessary for your project.

[TB-240503 Roof Accessory Paint & Sealant](#)
[Brava Color Matching Guide](#)

CONTRACTOR TRAINING & READINESS

☐ Training:

- Confirm that the contractor has completed Brava's Level 1 Installation Training.
You can verify this by requesting the crew's training certificates. <https://www.bravarooftile.com/training/>
- Are they ready for Level 2 Technical Services Integration?



Technical Services Portal

☐ Safety:

Confirm that safety protocols are established, including fall protection measures and any additional site-specific safety procedures. Discuss and ensure all safety measures are understood and followed by the crew.

☐ Permitting:

- Are any permits required?
- What is the status/timeline?
- Are there any special codes or certifications required for this project?
The Code Evaluation Report (CER) is the primary code compliance document. Review and share the CER at <https://www.bravarooftile.com/resources/#codes-testing>

POST-PROJECT CONSIDERATIONS

☐ Wind Warranty:

Review the available wind warranty options. Fastener (ring shank nails or screws) and/or exposure installation methods can provide different levels of warranty coverage. Ensure 2" screws are used if you want the highest wind speed warranty. [TB-230501 Wind Warranty Installation Requirements](#)

☐ Warranty Registration:

After installation, make sure your roof is registered for your applicable warranty (Homeowner or Contractor). This is crucial to secure long-term coverage and peace of mind for your new Brava roof system.
[Brava Limited Lifetime Warranty](#)
[Warranty Registration For Property Owners](#)
[Warranty Registration For Contractors](#)

RESOURCES

Review [Codes & Testing](#) information, [Color Details](#), [Installation Guides](#), [Technical Bulletins](#), [Warranty](#) coverage, and more on our [Resources Page](#).
Complete Installation Training, View Resources, and Contact Technical Services by visiting our [Technical Services Portal](#).

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding Brava Training, Roof Tile products and accessories, call 844-290-4196 and ask for Technical Services.
Or contact us through the [Technical Services Portal](#).

