



FAQ's

Questions	Answers
What is blue-green algae?	Tiny cyanobacteria called <i>Gloeocapsa magma</i> cause the dark stains you see on roofs all over the U.S. and Canada — commonly known as blue-green algae. <i>Gloeocapsa magma</i> is blue-green in color, but surrounds itself with a dark brownish-black shell to protect against the sun's rays. The dark shell causes the telltale streaking on the roof.
Is blue-green algae the same as mold, mildew, and moss?	Blue-green algae is NOT the same as mold, mildew or moss.
Where does blue-green algae grow?	Many homes in North America are exposed to blue-green algae (Gloeocapsa magma). Moderate problem Danger zone

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How does blue-green algae travel?	Blue-green algae travels on the wind and thrives in hot, humid environments. If one house in a neighborhood has it, others have probably been exposed as well.
Why care about blue-green algae?	8-out-of-10 homeowners in our survey rated the appearance of the roof as very important*. The darkening effect of blue-green algae can impact the appearance and resale value of a home. Dark streaking can also impact the effectiveness of highly-reflective cool roofs.
What can be done about blue-green algae?	At certain concentrations, metals like copper and zinc are toxic to blue-green algae, and can help prevent it from growing. In fact, on much older homes you may still see pitted copper and zinc strips tucked up under the ridge caps.
How does traditional algae-prevention technology work?	Traditional algae-prevention granules contain a layer of copper that leaches onto the roof. Over time, these granules degrade and release less copper, which makes them less effective at stopping algae growth.
How is GAF Time-Release Algae-Fighting Technology different from traditional algae-prevention methods?	GAF Time-Release Algae-Fighting Technology is a breakthrough innovation that delivers algae-fighting copper in a whole new way. Instead of traditional granules with copper layers, specially-engineered capsules are infused throughout with thousands of copper microsites, which release copper steadily over time for long-lasting algae-fighting power.
Will GAF Time-Release Algae-Fighting Technology cause gutter corrosion and/or metal deterioration?	GAF shingles with Time-Release Algae-Fighting Technology for blue-green algae resistance may help decrease the potential for gutter corrosion. Gutter corrosion is accelerated by the presence of standing water in gutters resulting from poor design or the accumulation of debris. The composition of GAF Time-Release Algae-Fighting Technology uses specially engineered capsules that are more buoyant than traditional roofing granules and therefore less likely to settle in gutters. In addition, these capsules have a controlled slow release of cuprous oxide, which may assist in retarding any potential corrosion reaction. GAF warranties DO NOT cover gutter corrosion.

^{*} Based on 2021 survey commissioned by GAF of 500 homeowners in areas with moderate to high amounts of blue-green algae.



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What is the GAF StainGuard Plus™ Algae Protection Limited Warranty*?	Proprietary GAF Time-Release Algae-Fighting Technology helps protect roofs from unsightly blue-green algae stains. Its algae resistance so powerful it allows us to offer a <u>25-year</u> StainGuard Plus™ Algae Protection Limited Warranty* against blue-green algae discoloration on many of our most popular shingle products.
What do I need to do for my customers to be covered by the GAF StainGuard Plus™ Algae Protection Limited Warranty*?	Nothing! The 25-year StainGuard Plus™ Algae Protection Limited Warranty* is available only on GAF shingles, ridge cap shingles, and StarterMatch® Starter Strip Shingles sold in packages bearing the StainGuard Plus™ logo. Just look for the StainGuard Plus™ badge on shingles, ridge cap shingles, and StarterMatch® Starter Strip Shingles. StainGuard Plus™-labeled GAF products come with the StainGuard Plus™ Algae Protection Limited Warranty* - no registration required.
What is the non-prorated period for GAF products that come with the StainGuard Plus™ Algae Protection Limited Warranty*?	The Smart Choice® Protection Period*** (non-prorated period) for GAF products that come with the StainGuard Plus™ Algae Protection Limited Warranty* is <u>10-years</u> .
What is the difference between the StainGuard® Algae Protection Limited Warranty** and the StainGuard Plus™ Algae Protection Limited Warranty*?	The GAF StainGuard® Algae Protection Limited Warranty** term is 10-years, with a 1-year non-prorated period. The GAF StainGuard Plus™ Algae Protection Limited Warranty* term is 25-years, with a 10-year non-prorated period.
	Customers can now get the benefits of GAF Time-Release Algae-Fighting Technology and the StainGuard Plus™ Algae Protection Limited Warranty*— on many popular GAF shingles, ridge caps, and even visible starter strips. GAF products with a StainGuard Plus™ Algae Protection Limited Warranty*- for eave to ridge protection:
What products come with the GAF StainGuard Plus™ Algae Protection Limited Warranty*?	Timberline® Shingles Designer Shingles Ridge Cap Shingles Visible Starter Strip Shingles Timberline HDZ® Camelot® II TimberTex® StarterMatch® Timberline® AS II Grand Canyon® TimberCrest® Timberline® CS Woodland® Ridglass® Timberline® UHD Slateline® Seal-A-Ridge® Grand Sequoia® Z®Ridge Grand Sequoia® AS Seal-A-Ridge® AS Click on the product names above for more information on gaf.com.

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Can I mix products with a StainGuard® Algae Protection Limited Warranty** with products that come with a StainGuard Plus™ Algae Protection Limited Warranty*?	YES. There is <u>no do-not-mix</u> on any products that now come with a StainGuard Plus™ Algae Protection Limited Warranty*.
Can I mix non-StainGuard® Grand Sequoia® and Grand Sequoia® with a StainGuard Plus™ Algae Protection Limited Warranty*?	YES. There is <u>no do-not-mix</u> on any products that now come with a StainGuard Plus™ Algae Protection Limited Warranty*.
Which warranty applies if I mix product without a StainGuard Plus™ Algae Protection Limited Warranty** and product that comes with a StainGuard Plus™ Algae Protection Limited Warranty*?	The affected product will be evaluated and the warranty for that product will be honored.
Is the packaging different?	YES. StainGuard Plus™ Algae Protection Limited Warranty* is available only on GAF shingles, ridge cap shingles, and StarterMatch™ Starter Strip Shingles sold in packages bearing the StainGuard Plus™ logo. Just look for the StainGuard Plus™ badge on GAF shingles, ridge cap shingles, and StarterMatch® Starter Strip Shingles packaging.
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