Englert LeafGuard by Starling Guttering Keeps Your Gutters Clear and Keeps You Off Your Roof

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If climbing on your roof cleaning leaves from clogged gutters is not your ideal way to spend a weekend, consider LeafGuard gutters installed exclusively and locally by Starling Guttering. Say goodbye to your ladder and hello to your golf clubs, fishing pole, bike and tennis racket.

Although you may hear about products that claim to be similar, LeafGuard is the only seamless, one-piece gutter protection system in the United States, Starling Guttering vice president Linda Starling says. LeafGuard offers the industry's best warranty — including lifetime warranties for materials and labor, Starling says. LeafGuard also includes a lifetime free flow guarantee. The gutters guaranteed not to clog; if they do, Starling Guttering will clean them for free.

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LeafGuard also won the coveted Good Housekeeping seal of approval after six weeks of rigorous testing by the Good Housekeeping Institute. In 2012, Starling Guttering won the Angie's List Superior Service Award. For the past four yours, Starling Guttering also has won the Daily Press Choice Award for best gutter company for five years, 2009-2013.

The patented LeafGuard design eliminates leaves, pine needles and other debris and is designed to reduce water load and remain free flowing. The one-piece seamless construction means no snap-on or clip-on moveable parts that could come loose. The solid hood has no opening on top that could allow debris inside. The gutter systems, including downspouts, are made of the heaviest gauge aluminum available.

"We have not had to have the guttering cleaned since its installation and this has saved us thousands of dollars," says Tina Beaulac of Williamsburg. "The staff at Starling Guttering has been very professional in all aspects of the job."

Starling Guttering works with residential and commercial clients from Hampton to Williamsburg as well as Gloucester, Mathews, Surry, Middlesex and Charles City counties. The company has gained the confidence of more than 150 top builders and remodelers, Starling says.

"I work with hundreds of subcontractors every year and very few are as professional or show the attention to detail that I have seen from the staff at Starling Guttering," says Craig Boudwin of United Builders Group. "You made my job much easier. It was a pleasure working with you on this project and I look forward to future endeavors with Starling Guttering."

Not only do these gutters get the job done, but they also look good doing it. LeafGuard gutters are aesthetically appealing and enhance the beauty of your home. They come in 14 designer colors to match your home's exterior, Starling says. They're designed to blend in with cornices and fit the fascia under your roofline without hanging off. Some homeowners who don't even have trees get these gutters because they add to curb appeal, she says.

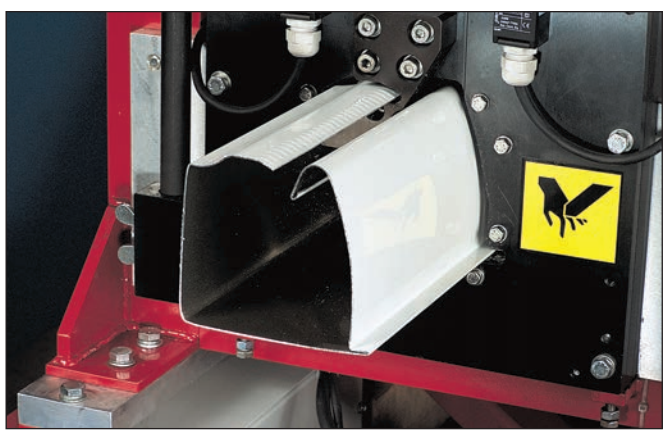
Glen Starling, Starling Guttering president and founder, chose LeafGuard gutters because he was impressed with the product. Starling had founded Glen Startling Home Improvements in 1975. In 1984, he decided to focus on only one product — gutters — and do it right. When he talked to the inventor of LeafGuard and to satisfied customers who had the gutters on their homes, Starling knew he had found a superior system. In 1993, Starling purchased one of the first LeafGuard franchises in the country and the first in the mid-Atlantic region.

In 20 years, Starling Guttering has installed LeafGuard on approximately 75,000 homes. Across the country, LeafGuard gutters are working hard on millions of homes.

This family-owned and operated company is one of the top 10 LeafGuard franchises in the country, Starling says. For the last 16 years, Starling Guttering has received Englert's platinum or gold awards, which are based on footage installed and customer service.

Starling Guttering's 12 employees combined have more than 100 years of gutter experience, she says. General manager Rick Carr has been with the company 30 years. Kim Bracy, office manager, and Kim Allen, administrative assistant, have a combined total of 25 years with Starling Guttering. The company's installers have been with the company five to 12 years.

LeafGuard is a unique rain gutter system for your home. LeafGuard's sleek, one-piece styling does not require any shingle attachment that will damage your roof.



LeafGuard gutters are rolled from one continuous piece of the heaviest gauge aluminum available. These one-piece maintenance free gutters have a large bottom and are installed with extra large three-by-four downspouts. LeafGuard features a scratch-guard paint finish that won't chip, peel or crack as other gutters do. The finish carries a lifetime warranty.

"Our success is simple," Starling says. "We offer a unique, superior product that is backed by excellent customer service. We pride ourselves in maintaining and knowledgeable, responsible and qualified staff, both in the office and in the field.

That attention to quality pays off in customer satisfaction. Starling Guttering's no. 1 lead source is referrals, resulting in about 50 percent of the company's business, she says.

"I want to commend your entire staff — from the first phone call to the workers on the job," says John Garrett of Newport News. "The estimators were always on time for appointments, knowledgeable about the products and always no pressure. They also were helpful in discussing solutions to installation, color and architectural considerations. Your installers were equally courteous, meticulous and knew well how to install a perfect job. You are most fortunate to have such great people on your staff. Your people have done a beautiful job."

Take back your weekends. Starling Guttering offers an excellent product backed by excellent customer service, adding up to a smart investment in your home. Financing is available. Call for a free estimate and in home demonstration.

LeafGuard's one-piece, patented debris shedding design is the only gutter system to earn the Good Housekeeping seal of approval.

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