



JAIME ALFARO



Journey-level Roofer & Waterproofer
OR SW-WA Roofers & Waterproofer

JATC (MA1050) Roofing & Waterproofing Program

Jaime Alfaro has always loved building, fixing, and working with his coveted toolset at home. Though he envisioned himself as a police officer when he was young, he ultimately went down the road of construction with his first job at 17 years old. One of his cousins piqued his interest in the roofing industry, which inspired him to apply for the Roofers & Waterproofer apprenticeship program through Oregon Apprenticeship.

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Over the course of four years, Jaime worked full time as an apprentice and went to school four weeks per year. His apprenticeship was funded partly by the apprenticeship committee and partly by himself. He learned crucial roofing skills from his mentors, as well as the value of teamwork. His advice for apprentices starting out? "Finish school!" he said. "If you really want to become a roofer, work hard. It's possible to be somebody you're proud of."

Finishing school can mean lots of sitting in a classroom. For those with active jobs, this can be a big change of pace. "I'm so used to being outside and being active in my work, sitting down for 40 hours was a challenge," said Jaime. "I learned ways to adapt, like being active before class and releasing my energy. That helped!"

After completing his apprenticeship program, Jaime feels very happy with his career. "I get to work outside and go places I never imagined possible. I'm very happy."

Featured Projects:

- PGE Park
- The Moda Center
- Oregon State University

Why does Jaime recommend the trades?

- Good money
- Good career
- Constantly learning

Q: WHAT DOES A ROOFER & WATERPROOFER DO?

A: Roofers & Waterproofer remove old roof and waterproof foundation walls. Commercial roofs are generally low-pitched roofs that consist of multiple layers of roofing applied with asphalt, plastic (TPO/PVC), or rubber (EPDM). Residential roofs are usually steep and the roofing material is mainly asphalt shingles, wood shake, slate, or tile.