

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
**POLICY STATEMENT ON GUTTER REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT**

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By motion of the Historic District Commission at their 17 September 2019 meeting, the following guidelines and standards were adopted concerning gutter repair and replacement on properties within Newport's Historic Districts:

Gutters are a character-defining feature of historic buildings. Historic gutters of wood, galvanized steel, copper are highly significant elements of the buildings in Newport's historic districts and should be preserved. Not only do gutters serve to protect the buildings from roof water run-off, they also form an important part of the visual experience of the building. Therefore, the Historic District Commission establishes the following standard and statement of policy:

1. Wherever possible, historic gutters shall be repaired rather than replaced. No historic gutter shall be replaced in total unless it can be demonstrated with photographs that the gutter is beyond reasonable repair.
2. For Contributing Buildings - When a gutter must be replaced due to deterioration, it shall be replaced in kind. Construction methods and materials should match the historic gutter. (Example: if replacement is necessary and approved, original 6" copper half-round gutters should be replaced with 6" copper half-round gutters).
3. Aluminum and Synthetic materials (for example, plastic or fiberglass) are generally not appropriate for use in historic buildings within the district, however they may be used on new construction and Non-Contributing Buildings. It is acceptable to replace wooden gutters on Contributing Buildings with fiberglass, provided the exterior profile is an exact match to the original gutter.
4. Exact gutter cut sheets should be provided as part of the application.
5. Gutter samples should be brought to the meeting.

The above criteria are intended as general guidelines to give property owners, architects, builders and others involved in presenting roofing projects to the Historic District Commission general awareness of the Commission's expectations, samples and level of detail. Additional guidance may be found in the Standards and Guidelines for the Newport Local Historic District, (Revised 4.2016)

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Chair, Historic District Commission

  
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