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Benefits of seamless gutters vs. traditional sectional styles

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Gutters are a vital way to protect your home by moving water away from your home to prevent water damage. Collected water can damage not only your home's foundation, but your roof, siding, ceiling and walls.

By properly diverting rainwater away from your home, gutters can prevent water from pooling at the foundation, protecting your home from basement flooding and minimizing soil erosion around your property. The right gutters can also help homeowners avoid leaks that can cause decay throughout your home and staining or streaking on your interior walls – thus saving you from the stress and costly repairs, of water damage.

When it comes to gutters, today's homeowners have a number of options in terms of materials, colors and styles to best meet their needs. In addition, homeowners



can decide whether they want traditional sectional gutters (designed in pre-cut sections that are pieced together with multiple seams) or seamless gutters, which are specially designed for the exact measurements of the home, and installed in single pieces.

Since these custom gutters have no seam and are installed in a continuous piece, seamless gutters dramatically reduce the chance of leakage.

In addition to the enhanced appearance and "curb appeal" of the smooth look of seamless gutters, there are other advantages to choosing seamless gutters for your home.

Seamless gutters are stronger, more durable, and less prone to breakages.

In addition, with no seams, gaps or joints, seamless gutters are proven to have less accumulating debris (such

as pine needles, twigs and leaves) and less clogging. This means not only are seamless gutters more effective in doing their job to re-direct water, but it means less cleaning and maintenance for homeowners. Adding leaf guards to seamless gutters further reduces the likelihood of accumulating debris and blockages.

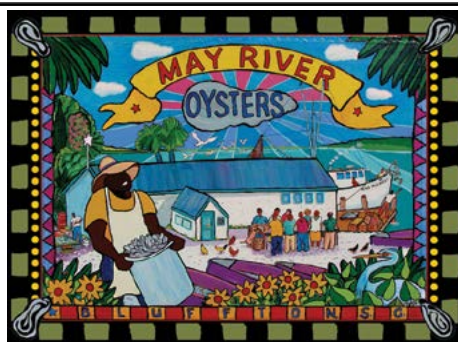
There are also a number of options when it comes to seamless gutters, giving homeowners the opportunity to choose a style to best fit their needs. One option is half-round gutters – which curve like a semi-circle, and provide a stylish, elegant look to the

home. Half-round gutters have clean lines, and their distinctive shape and smooth surface inside the gutter make them less prone to debris buildup and easy to maintain.

With a more rectangular shape, K-style gutters are also a popular option. While half-round gutters curve like a semi-circle, K-style gutters are flat on one side, and can be nailed directly into the fascia board. K-style gutters come in many different sizes, lengths and colors and are very versatile.

Quality, expertly installed seamless gutters are an important way to protect the foundation of your home, while also adding to your home's aesthetic appeal. The benefits of a properly functioning gutter system and expert gutter installation are many – and can enhance the appearance, and value, of your home for many years to come.

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