

Protect and Maintain Your Spray Foam Materials With These Tips

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Here are some of the best practices for storing your SPF materials in extreme climates.

Spray foam (SPF) materials are quite an investment, and you don't want to lose out on any potential jobs because of poor material storage. Extreme hot or cold weather can impact your SPF materials' performance, if you don't take the proper precautions. Thankfully the [Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance \(SPFA\)](#) has created [an informative document](#) with tips on how to protect your SPF materials.

The document strongly emphasizes that the first rule of storing SPF materials is: "Always seek the advice of your system supplier for optimal material storage and use temperatures for the system you are using!"

After that, they break down exactly how your SPF materials will react during each season. For most of the season, it's best to keep your inventory at room temperature unless your supplier advises otherwise.

For the more extreme weather seasons, the document thoroughly describes how materials will react in the weather conditions and how to properly store them so they don't get damaged. In the winter, it's important to store SPF materials in a place where they won't freeze. And during the summer months, storage drums need to be kept in a cool place since they have a tendency to bulge if they get too hot. The document covers all of this and more on how to prevent these issues from harming your stored materials.

SPF roofs, like the ones [General Coatings](#) manufactures, can last up to 20 years with proper maintenance. Part of this long lifespan starts with storing the materials properly. Although it does take some effort and attention to weather details to store SPF materials the right way, when it comes time to install an SPF roof system, it requires less labor to get the job done than other roof systems.

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