



# How to Fix a Leaky Gutter

This guide will show people how to fix the common complication of fixing a leaky gutter.

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## INTRODUCTION

This guide discusses how to fix a leaky gutter will help beginners who need to fix a leaky gutter without having to hire a professional and can do it on their own, no experience required! I think this guide is needed since it can be extremely expensive to get a professional to help with a leaky gutter system. Also, sometimes professionals can be busy and possibly have you wait a week or so for them to come over and fix the problem. When gutters are leaking and one does not fix the problem, it could result in roof problems and wood rot.

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### TOOLS:

- [Ladder](#) (1)
  - [Garden Hose](#) (1)
  - [Bucket](#) (1)
  - [Silicone caulk](#) (1)
  - [Putty knife](#) (1)
  - [Cordless Drill](#) (1)
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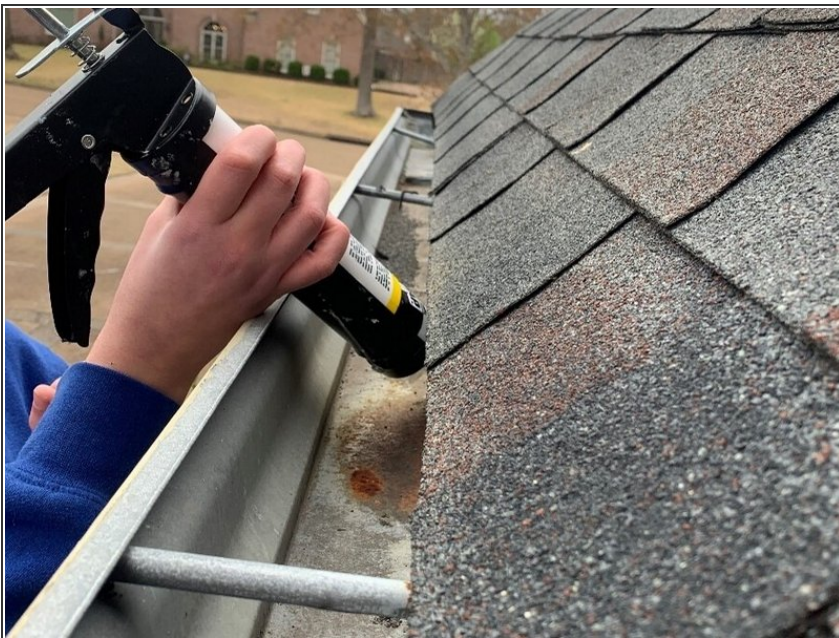
## Step 1 — How to Fix a Leaky Gutter



- Clean the area around the leak with a wire brush or garden trowel and a bucket, taking out the leaves and debris placing what you remove in the bucket and flushing the gutters with water using a hose to make sure you have a clean area, as well as rinsing and drying the area thoroughly.

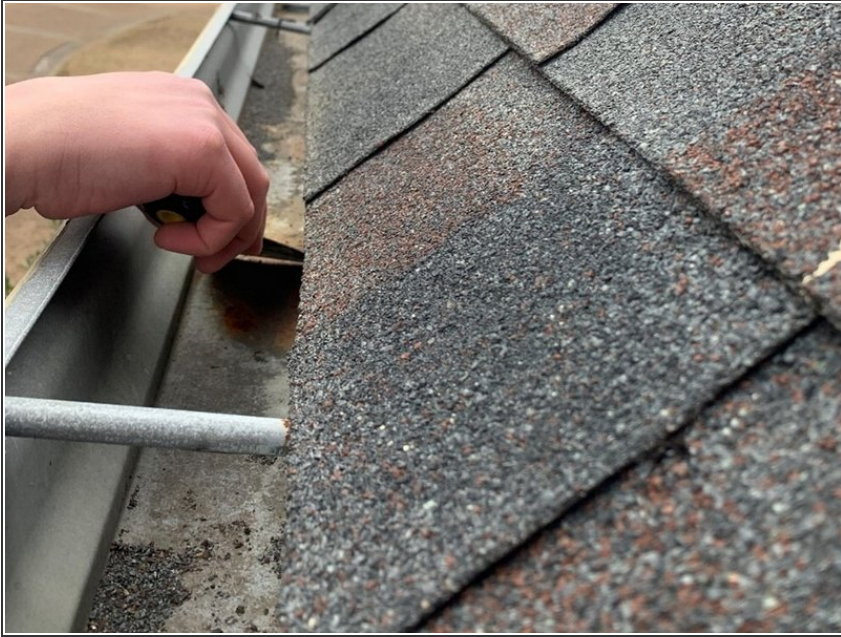
⚠ Since this requires a ladder, it is better to have another adult nearby just to stay safe!

## Step 2



- Apply plastic roofing cement to any holes present in the gutters by working it into the hole or crack with a putty knife or trowel.

### Step 3



- Smooth out the cement by using the putty knife or trowel so that can smooth out any rough edges.



## Step 4



- Remove any screws or connecting hardware at the joint of any leaking or worn portion of the downspout and then disassemble any leaking or worn portion of the downspout joint.

## Step 5



- Clean any caulks from around the downspout joints using a stiff wire brush.

## Step 6



- Apply the silicone caulk to the joint area to seal leaks and reassemble the gutter system.

To reassemble the downspout: screw back any screws or connecting hardware back into the downspout.