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AMERILUX NEWS



Beachfront Cottage Porch Reno

Weather-Resistant Polycarbonate Roof

Located in a neighborhood on the water's edge in Gig Harbor, Washington, is a cozy turn-of-the-century cottage with direct access to Crescent Bay. For Bob Vanderbilt and his wife, Linda, the area offers a peaceful, suburban lifestyle with beautiful views of the water.

Although the views are breathtaking and incredible, turning their ‘old farmhouse’ looking cottage into a modern beachfront home has taken a lot of time and work. This included the restoration of the porch to enhance both its appearance and functionality.

“We wanted something to provide coverage for the wind and rain that we get living directly on Sunrise Beach along Colvos Passage in the Puget Sound. We also wanted light to come through the roof as that corner can be quite dark on cloudy days.”

The Vanderbilt’s researched many different materials for their porch roof. The original roof was covered with ribbed fiberglass and had deteriorated over time due to the elements, cracking and splitting in multiple places.

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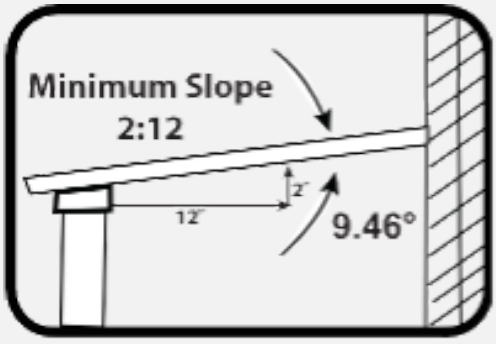
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Minimum Roof Pitch

Performance & Longevity



Q: How much pitch should a patio roof have and why does it matter?

A: Proper roof pitch (the slope or angle) is critical when adding a patio roof because it dictates drainage efficiency, structural integrity, material compatibility, and how well the addition blends with your home. Before building your structure, you will want to determine your pitch:

Keeping in mind the high winds and rain they experience during fall and winter months, Bob and Linda chose 10mm bronze polycarbonate panels as the covering material for the roof.

“We wanted to be able to sit out on the porch in the afternoons to appreciate the views. With the summer sunshine we felt it important to have some sort of UV filtering – so the bronze-colored panels fit the bill.”

Bob and Linda absolutely love their new porch and will enjoy it for years to come. “Everyone who sees what we have done to the cottage – including the front porch and polycarbonate roofing – is amazed at the transformation.”

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• The pitch should complement your main roof to create visual harmony.
• Snow, wind, and weather loads should always be considered.
• A low roof pitch may require additional sealing to prevent leaks.

Your choice of roofing material will impact the pitch of your roof. A minimum slope of 2:12 is recommended for a multiwall polycarbonate roof. Always check local building code compliance and permit requirements before starting your project.

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Upcoming Trade Shows

American Dairy XPO | November 4 - 5
- Syracuse, New York
- Booth# 64IN

The Fertilizer Show | November 18 - 19
- Tampa, Florida
- Booth# 1403

If you plan on attending either of these agricultural trade shows, make sure to stop by our booth and say Hello!



Whether your needs are big or small, new or retrofit, we can help. We'd love to hear about your next project and discover how our products can provide solutions.

Hope to see you soon!

Company Highlights

4th Annual Chili Cook-Off



On October 9th, AmeriLux held one of its favorite events of the year — our annual Chili Cook-Off!

Five A-Team members brought a crockpot of their best homemade recipe, each one showcasing a unique blend of spices, textures, and ingredients.

Hungry fellow co-workers paid $5 to sample the mouthwatering chili creations and cast their votes for their favorites.

Congratulations to our 2026 winners!

- 1st Place: Will Tappa's "Guiness & Chuck Roast Chili"
- 2nd Place: Ginny Vrubley's "Paw Paw's Pot of Fire"
- 3rd Place: Maggie Brown's "Post-Season Brew"

A delicious afternoon of friendly competition while supporting our AmeriLux Family Fund. THANK YOU to everyone who cooked, sampled, and helped make this year's event so much fun!

From left: Maggie Brown, Will Tappa, Nicole Ciha, Ginny Vrubley, Erik Voss

A-Team Shoutouts



October's Brand Ambassador

"Conflict is a Good Thing"
Alyssa Birkholz, Director of Customer Relations, AmeriLux International
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