

Winter Weather



Winterizing Your Home: Rooting Out the Cause of Roof Leaks

Roof leaks in winter can be common. The typical causes of roof leaks include heavy snow buildup, ice dams and loose roof flashing.

It is important to address any structural issues to your roof, well in advance of winter, to ensure your home's roof can handle heavy snow buildup. Follow these tips to identify roof leaks before they happen.

- **Heavy snow buildup:** If a roof is routinely exposed to heavy snow, the wear and tear may result in water damage. Consider investing in a ventilation system to keep attic air circulating, helping snow to melt.
- **Ice dams:** Poor attic insulation can cause ice dams to form. When melting ice and snow are not able to run off properly, due to the accumulation of a snowpack, water can back up and penetrate shingles and your home. If icicles form on the eaves of your roof, this is an indication that an ice dam has formed.
- **Loose roof flashing:** Poorly installed or loose roof flashing can cause leaks along the edges of your home's roof. These are typically noticeable when snow begins to melt.

Remember, the winterization of your home should begin well in advance of winter and should include checking the integrity of your roof.



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