

PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM WINTER CONDITIONS

ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS

This winter has certainly taken its toll on all of us, not to mention our homes. As the snow and ice continues to accumulate on rooftops, many people have concerns about the potential for damage to their homes from either the additional weight of the snow, or by what is commonly referred to as “ice dams”. The weight of the snow will vary considerably based upon its consistency (light “fluffy” snow or heavy wet snow) and the potential for structural failure will be dependent upon the type of roof (steep pitch or low-slope to flat roofs). Ice dams occur when heat escapes from within the home and melts the snow that has accumulated during the warmer parts of the day and then freezes when temperatures fall. As the ice continues to freeze, it will have the tendency to migrate up the roof and get underneath the roof shingles. When the freeze / thaw cycle occurs, water can make its way into a structure causing various degrees of damage.

Although there is no singular guaranteed solution to avoiding damage from ice and snow, there are steps that homeowners can take to help minimize problems. By taking a common sense approach to addressing these conditions, homeowners can reduce the risk of causing further damage to their homes, as well as decrease the potential of sustaining bodily injury to themselves. We have provided some links to other web-sites which provide helpful recommendations on how to manage ice and snow which will hopefully assist you and keep you safe.

WEB SITES WITH GREAT INFORMATION:

<http://www.wgains.com/Assets/Att>

<https://www.disastersafety.org/freezingweather/prevent-roof-collapse/>