

ICE DAMMING PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

Here are a few preventative measures to protect a home from damage caused by ice dams:

- Keep the amount of snow on your roof to a minimum. Use a roof rake or hire a professional to clear the snow away – for safety reasons, don't go up on the roof yourself.
- Keep gutters and downspouts free of snow, ice buildup and icicles so there's a ready path for melting snow and ice to drain.
- Ensure your attic is properly insulated and ventilated to prevent heat from inside your home from leaking into the attic and causing snow on the roof to melt. A roofing contractor can provide assistance if needed.
- In the fall, clean leaves and debris from your home's gutters and downspouts to allow melting snow to flow as intended.