

INSPECTION NEWS

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Be Prepared

Keep an eye on your roof – how much snow can it handle? Here are some guidelines: Most roofs can sustain about 20 pounds/square foot of snow (according to the Institute for Business and Home Safety) Fresh snow – weighs about five pounds per square foot on the surface of your roof. Most roofs can handle about four feet of fresh snow. Old Snow – is often packed, and icier than fresh snow. About three to five inches of packed snow is equivalent to one foot of fresh snow. Most roofs can handle about two feet of old snow. If your roof is in danger, put away your ladder and call a professional. If you can't resist, use a snow rake but stay safely on the ground and watch for falling ice debris.

Get the necessities

- Stock up on those storm chips! (kidding, but not really)
- Keep items on-hand that can keep your home safe:
- De-icing salt and sand: If the forecast is showing heavy snow, pour this stuff on your sidewalk before the snow falls incase of an ice event
- Snow blower: Make sure your snow blower works ahead of time.
- Also, stock up on extra gas as you never know when the roads could be shut down.

SNOW TIP: Spray some Teflon on your shovel and the snow will slide right off. No Teflon in the garage? Use some non-stick cooking spray for the same results

Dad Jokes:

Knock, knock,
(Who's there?)
Snow!
(Snow who?)

**It's Snow Laughing
Matter It's a Blizzard!**



Tools:

Good tools will help you keep your sidewalk

Having the right tools will make snow removal easier. Use the right shovel for the job. Some shovels are made for pushing, while some are for scooping. Have some sort of a chipper (look at floor scrapers at your hardware store) Have a good scoop for your salt and sand. Roof rake/shovel are important for clearing that extra snow load from the house.