



RISK MANAGEMENT

ICE DAM PREVENTION

We See Risk Through Your Lens

Forming at the edge of roofs, ice dams prevent melting snow water from draining, leading to potentially expensive problems.

Poor attic insulation and roof ventilation lets warmth from the attic space melt snow on the roof. Water trickles down to the unheated eaves, refreezing as ice.

Over time, this ice creates a dam and water from the melting snow backs up under shingles and leaks into the house, apartment or condominium. Ice dam damage ranges from roof shingles and gutters to water stained ceilings, peeling paint and damaged plaster walls, rugs and furnishing.

Here are some ways to stay ahead of the freeze risk

1 Keep heat inside the building by adding insulation to your attic area.

2 Add soffit-to-ridge ventilation systems to keep roof sheathing cool.

3 Safely remove snow blankets before they build

4 Seal any penetrations from the heated living space to the attic space, like conduit, exhaust ducts and vent stacks.

