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Snow, Ice Create Rooftop Risk

Melting Snow Could Cause Leaks, Roof Damage

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OMAHA, Neb. -- The snow and ice buildup on area homes could lead to some problems and expensive repairs.

Experts said that when warm weather returns and the layers of ice and snow start to melt, it could lead to a leaky roof. They recommended trying to get some of the snow off the building before that happens.

"When the water starts to melt, when the snow starts to melt and starts running down the roof, that's when people will start to find out they do have some ice damming situations and you know it's going to be a major problem," said Handyman Matters manager Larry Vidlak.

A snow rake can help with the job, but experts warned against getting on the roof to do it. They suggested doing it from a well-stabilized ladder or hiring someone to do it.

Vidlak said leaking water in the home can damage the insulation. Homeowners could have to replace the insulation or the entire roof.

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