



Home Preparation for Spring Snowmelt

- **01. Clear Rooftop Snow.** Use a roof rake to pull excess snow off the roof. This prevents ice formation and excess snowmelt.
- **02. Remove Snow Around the Foundation.** After you've raked the roof, shovel the snow around your foundation, clearing a space of at least four to six feet. This helps get excess water away from the foundation.
- **03. Downspouts and Gutters.** Make sure they are clear and sufficiently sized to handle the expected flow of water. The downspout extensions and landscape grading need to move snowmelt away from your foundation.
- **04. Insulate Your Attic and Foundation.** Heat rising through the roof or around the foundation causes snowmelt and water to flow toward your foundation. Adding insulation can help prevent this and save on energy costs.
- **05. Basement or Crawl Space Waterproofing.** Fix any cracks, which can become bigger when water enters and freezes. Install an interior drainage system and sump pump that will remove any water before any resulting damage.
- **06. Sump Pump Maintenance.** Make sure the drain lines are working, as well as the backup battery. Freezing drain lines can burn out the sump pump and allow water accumulation.

