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5 Signs that your Roof is Damaged

New England's Harsh Winter Puts Consumers in Danger

The northeast has experienced record-setting accumulations this past winter putting many homes at risk for further damage through leaks in their roof. If your roof has been compromised it's not always obvious at first and the longer you wait to fix the damage the more costly it can be come. The top 5 signs to look for when it comes to roof damage are:

- 1.) Carefully examine the attic for any water spots on the ceiling or floor. Even if there is no moisture now, a water stain is an immediate indicator that you have a problem.
- 2.) Inspect areas near ventilations stacks and pipes because they are especially susceptible to moisture damage.
- 3.) Make sure all of the windows open, shut, and lock properly. If there has been water damage within the walls this often leads to warping that will prevent the windows from moving.
- 4.) Are there any rusty nails? Rusty nails are a huge red flag for leaky roofs because even when the moisture is slight, a nail exposed to any moisture at all will rust. This discoloration indicates that your roof has been compromised and needs to be fixed immediately.
- 5.) Does your insulation still look consistently puffy through the entire attic ceiling and walls? Insulation can act like a sponge when it comes to water damage. Be especially conscious of your insulation's condition around the eaves of your roof.

The trickiest part of a leaking roof is home owners often don't notice the problem until the interior living space of their home has been infiltrated with extensive water damage. Being aware of what to look for in your home's attic can save you from a lot of damage, not to mention you can prevent harmful mold growth.