

Snow and Ice buildup on the roof of your home

As this winter has resulted in a larger than normal amount of snow fall the Development Services- Building department has received numerous inquiries with respect to the amount of snow and ice buildup on the roof of homes and cottages. Specifically, how much does it weigh and how much can build up before it needs to be shoveled.

The Development Services- Building department is unable to answer these questions. Too many factors such as design of roof, age of home, drift loading, type of snow fall; weather and time are all factors to be considered in determining the actual weight of snow your roof can carry. If in doubt it is good maintenance practice to remove snow accumulation.

If you are going to have someone remove the snow from your roof, please ensure that the Occupational Health & Safety Act is followed.

Ensure after the roof has been cleared that walkways, decks and green civic address sign are cleared for Emergency services to be able to respond should there be a need.