

Prevent Ice Dams

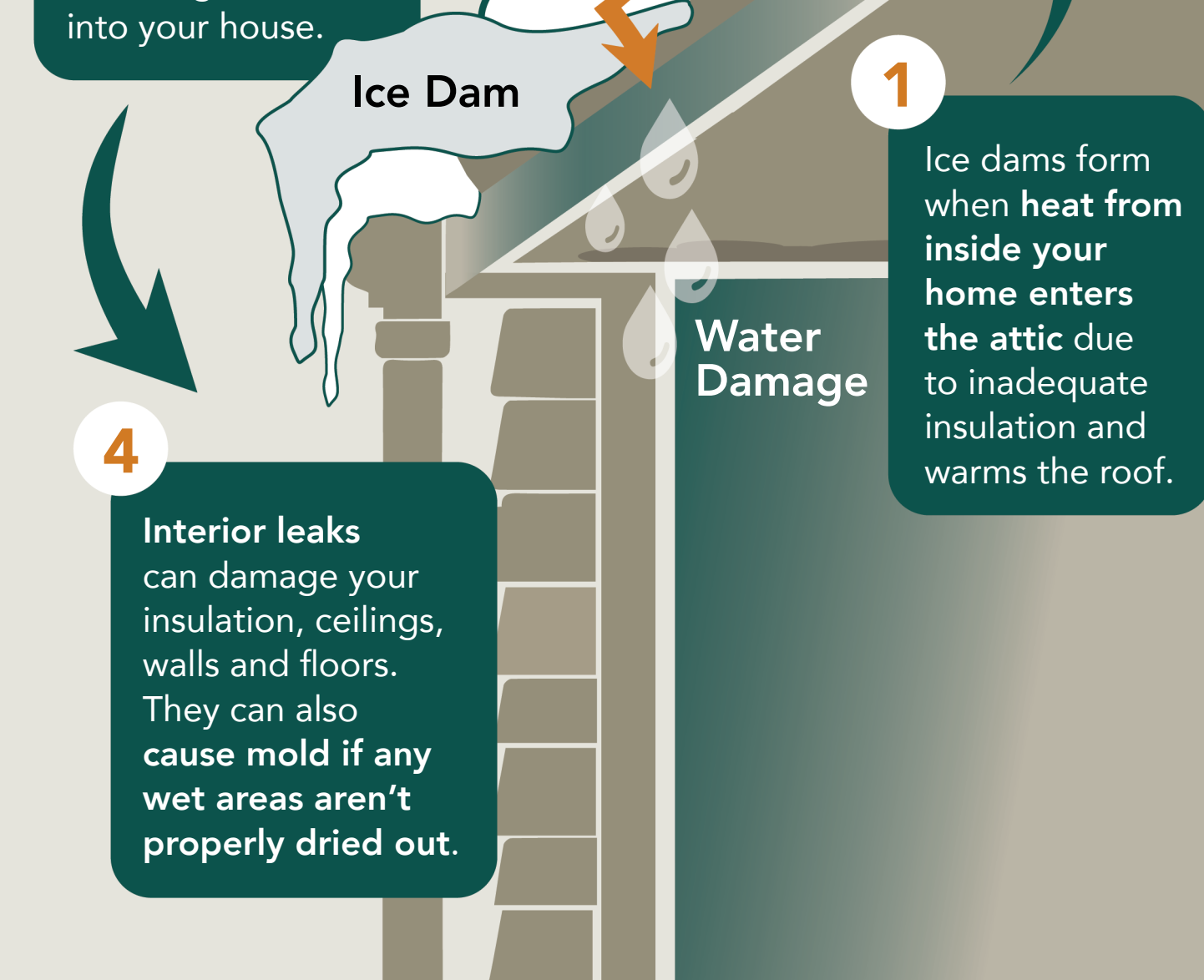
Stay safe by being prepared.

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Ice dams are ridges of ice that build up along eaves and prevent water from draining off of your roof.

2 The snow on your roof melts and runs down toward the eaves. As temperatures drop, the melted snow refreezes at the edge, often backing-up from the gutter, forming an ice dam.

3 The ice dam can block more melted snow from draining, pressuring it up the roof slope, under the shingles and into your house.



Before Temperatures Drop

Know your insurance coverage and where to find your policies.

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Install roof de-icing cables in vulnerable areas. 📄 LEARN MORE

Put weather stripping around entryways to the attic.

Insulate your attic. 📄 LEARN MORE

When it snows, remove the ice and snow from your roof and eaves by carefully raking it with a roof rake (only if you have a one-story house). Better yet, hire a qualified snow removal professional.

Insulate light fixtures in the ceiling, and seal attic ducts, chimneys and fans to minimize heat entering from your home.

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Keep all drains, gutters and downspouts free of debris and vegetation so water can flow through them properly.

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When building a new home or replacing a roof, install an ice and water shield under the shingles. The extra protection is worth the investment.

If an Ice Dam Forms

Remove the ice and snow from your roof and eaves by carefully raking it with a roof rake, or hire a licensed professional to remove it.

Contact us as soon as possible to report any damage and file a claim.

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