

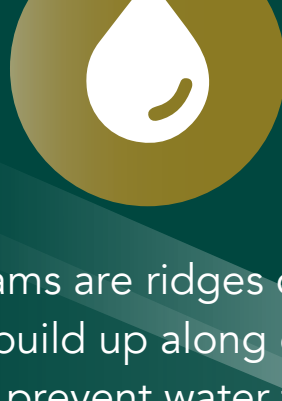
Preventing and Removing Ice Dams

Protect your home by being prepared.

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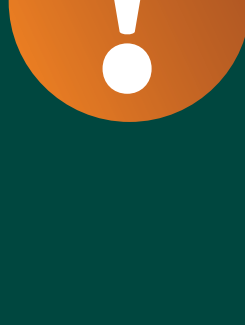
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Did you Know?



Ice dams are ridges of **ice** that build up along eaves and prevent water from draining off of your roof. They sometimes allow water to enter under roof shingles.

Severe cases can cause **exterior damage** to your gutters and shingles.



Most commonly, ice dams cause minor interior **water damage**.

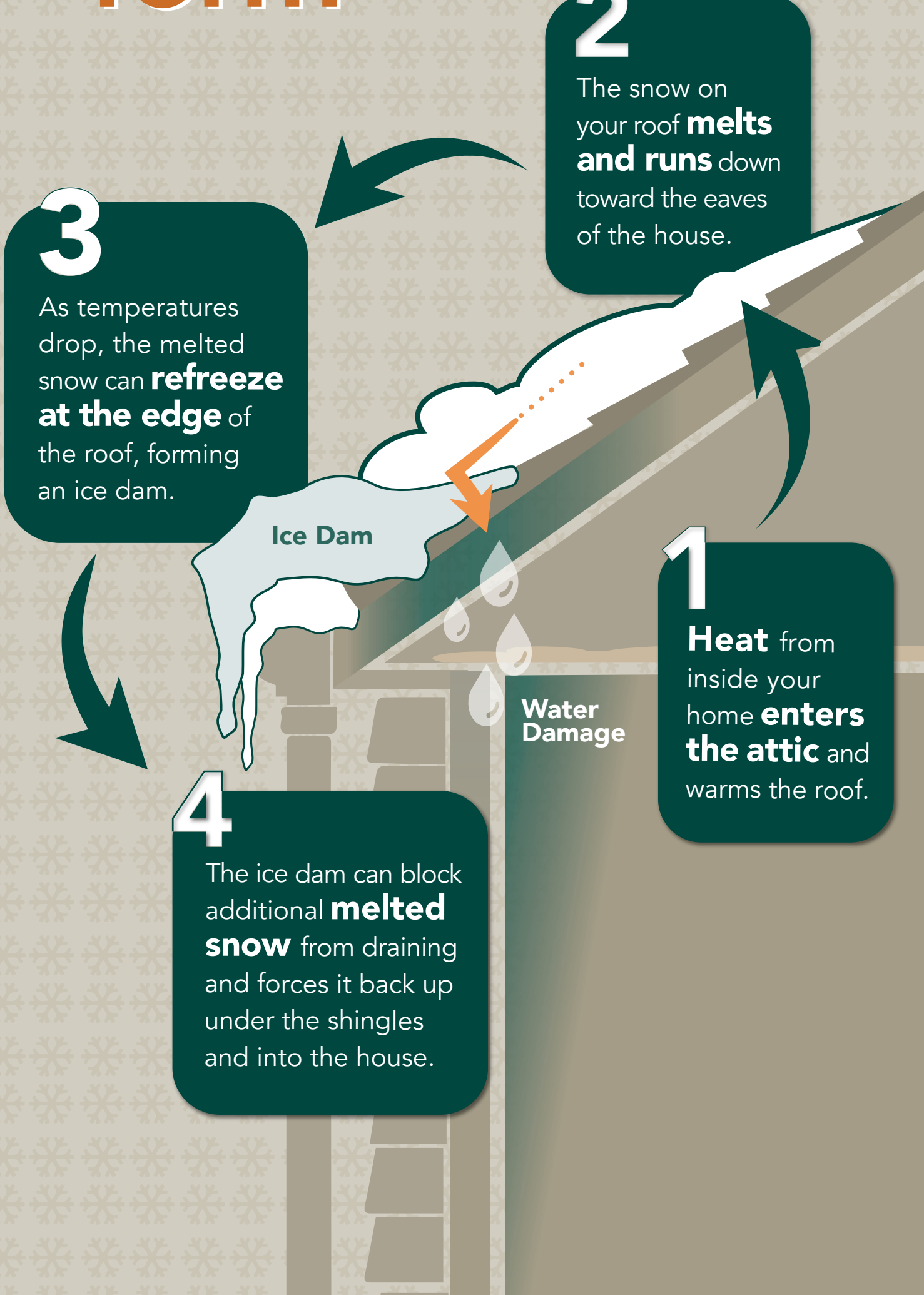


Ice dams can occur with little snow on your roof.

Ice dams as thin as **one inch** can cause problems.



How Ice Dams form



How to Prevent Ice Dams

A **cold attic** is a good attic so let your attic **breathe!**

Keep the attic **well-ventilated**.

Seal attic ducts, chimneys and fans where they enter the attic from your home.

Put **weather stripping** around entryways to the attic.

Insulate the attic floor.

Insulate light fixtures in the ceiling to minimize the amount of heat entering the attic space from your home.

Keep snow off your roof either by carefully **raking** it yourself with a roof rake or by hiring a qualified professional.

Remove debris from gutters and drains so water can properly **flow through** them.

When constructing a new home or replacing a roof, install **ice and water shield** below the shingles.

How to Remove an Ice Dam

Hire a **licensed contractor** to help remove it.

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