



Taking the steps recommended here can save you money and give you more confidence about your knowledge of the condition of your home.

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Do Stains on My Ceiling or Drips From a Bathroom Vent Mean My Roof Is Leaking? (Maybe not)

When warm weather follows quickly after a severe cold snap, homeowners often call us afraid that their roof has suddenly started leaking because they see stains on their ceiling, their bathroom vent is leaking, or water is collecting in their light fixtures. In most cases it is not the roof that is the problem.

How to tell if your roof is leaking

- Find your attic trap door in the ceiling of the uppermost storey of your home and set up a ladder can climb it safely
- Climb up, open the trapdoor and examine the underside of the roof as well as the vapour barrier (usually clear plastic) under the insulation in your attic
- Check for frost or icicles on the underside of the roof, or signs of melting including puddles of water on the vapour barrier under the insulation in your attic.

If you see any of those signs then the problem may not be your roof but improper attic ventilation or insulation.

Your roof may not be the problem. It could be . . .

1) CONDENSATION IN YOUR ATTIC - When temperatures plunge we tend to turn up the furnace. The heat from below escapes into the attic and hits the cold roof deck resulting in condensation that quickly freezes. When the temperature rises quickly, the frost or icicles melt and the water drips through any gap it can find - often around vents or wiring boxes.

OPTIONS for reducing condensation issues in your attic:

- Add vents to your roof to increase circulation
- Check your soffits to make sure they are not covered by insulation
- Check the seals in the vapour barrier around vents and wiring boxes. You may also need to add extra insulation in the attic around vents or wiring boxes.

2) CONDENSATION IN YOUR VENT PIPES - Leaking around your exhaust fans (bathroom or kitchen) may be due to condensation that has formed inside the vent pipes and frosted up. When it warms up, the frost melts and pours down into your bathroom (or kitchen, as the case may be).

OPTIONS for reducing condensation issues around your vent pipes:

- Make sure there are good seals in the vapour barrier around the vent pipes
- You may also need to add extra insulation in the attic around vent pipes

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