

Gutter Maintenance

- Inspect your gutters for proper drainage and operation.

Gutters should be cleared of debris and leaves before and after the leaves have fallen from the trees. If the gutters were left unattended, the build-up blocks the flow of water; an “ice dam” can form in the winter months and cause roof damage.

- Check that the downspout connections are correct and secure.

Install extensions at the outlet to carry the water away from your foundation, install to at least 10 feet away.

- Repair any part of the system that leaks or is in disrepair.

The code requires *“The roof and flashing shall be sound, tight and not have defects that admit rain. Roof drainage shall be adequate to prevent dampness or deterioration in the walls or interior portion of the structure. Roof drains, gutters and downspouts shall be maintained in good repair and free from obstructions. Roof water shall not be discharged in a manner that creates a public nuisance.”*