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RE: Roof Snow Removal

Dear Customer,

With winter still in full swing please give careful consideration to projects that you have installed snow guards on. This has been a long snowy winter. If wet heavy snow falls on a roof that already has a marginal accumulation of snow and ice it can cause the snow guards to yield. Although this is far more desirable than a building collapse it is preventable if you and the building owner are proactive.

If there is any chance that you have installed snow guards on projects where snow may have accumulated beyond the given regional snowfall amounts, unusual amounts of ice have formed, or drifting has occurred, please make the building owner aware that they need to remove the snow and ice as a precautionary measure.

When Alpine Snow Guards receives proper information about a roof by means of our Layout Request Form we are able to recommend snow guard placement and quantities. However, the ice accumulation and drifting information that we request is rarely provided to us when we receive these forms in our office. Our layout recommendations are only as accurate as the information that is provided.

Again, please consider the projects where you have installed snow guards. If those projects have an accumulated snow or ice mass it should be removed prior to any further accumulation.

Sincerely,  
Brian C. Stearns