



OSWEGO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



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Heavy Snowfall Takes Its Toll *Be cautious of rooftop snow*

(Oswego, IL) Illinois winters can be a very damaging season with severe cold and temperature swings, blustery winds, ice, and snow. Excessive buildup on roofs can create excessive snow loads that can damage your home.

With all the snow that has fallen in the past few weeks and several roof collapses reported across the Chicagoland area, you may be wondering how much snow your roof can hold. Wet snow can be nearly three times heavier than dry, fluffy snow. So, while a cubic foot of fresh powder might weigh in at 7 pounds, that same amount of wet, packed snow could be more like 20 pounds. Most roofs can support about 40-45 inches of fresh snow.

As the bitter cold finally starts to let up, melting ice and snow will start to fall from your roof. Icicles and falling snow can pose some serious safety risks as the snow begins to melt. Use caution when entering and exiting your home.

The Oswego Fire Protection District was formed by voter referendum in March of 1936, covers over 60 square miles in the northeast portion of Kendall County and about 1.5 square miles of northwest unincorporated Will County.

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