

Roof snow removal tools

Removing snow from your roof can be adherently dangerous. Whether it be snow falling on top of you while shoveling and/or raking, or in some instances having to climb on the rooftop to remove the snow. We recommend hiring an insured professional to do the job due to these dangers, especially if you are working with more than a single-story building. However, if you are willing to take on these dangers yourself, here are a few tools to remove snow from the roof.

Roof rakes

- Roof rakes are the safest method of snow removal
- These consist of a telescoping pole and a rake head
- Only good for soft snow that has not hardened from refreezing



Avalanche roof rakes

- More versatile than a standard rake
- Some have wheels or rounded corners to protect the roof
- Uses an extension pole like the standard rake, but also has a slippery plastic slide to assist snow chunks to fall off the roof
- These can work on firm snow by taking snow out in chunks



Ropes or cables

- By far one of the quickest ways to remove unwanted snow from roofs
- One of the most dangerous ways to remove snow. Due to having to get on the roof and risk slipping or if the roof is overloaded adding more weight to a buckling roof
- Can remove whole roof sections at one time, but be careful of the mass of snow once released



Snow shovel or scoop

- Risky due to having to be on the roof as well as causing damage to the roof surface
- Very labor-intensive, but with a large snow scoop, large chunks can be removed
- The best method for flat roofs



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