Krumm Exteriors Shares Guidance on Winter Gutter Drainage

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As winter temperatures begin to fluctuate across the Upper Midwest, Krumm Exteriors is sharing guidance on how gutter condition and drainage affect homes during freeze-thaw weather. The exterior contractor is drawing on its published gutter maintenance information to explain why clear drainage paths, sound attachments, and timely repairs matter as snow and ice begin to accumulate across Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Gutters collect water moving off a roof and direct it away from the home. When debris blocks a channel or downspout, water can overflow near the foundation or run down exterior walls. Krumm Exteriors? gutter information identifies foundation areas, siding, roof edges, fascia, soffits, landscaping, and basements as parts of a property that can be affected when water is not carried away as intended.

The company?s published guidance describes freeze-thaw cycles as a particular concern in the region. Meltwater can remain in a gutter or drainage path and freeze again when temperatures fall. Repeated expansion and contraction can place stress on seams, hangers, and joints, while water collecting near the foundation can contribute to moisture problems. The company notes that water reaching small foundation

cracks can create additional concerns when freezing conditions return.

?Gutters are part of the home?s water-management system, not simply a finishing detail along the roofline,? said Penny Austad, owner of Krumm Exteriors. ?When leaves or other debris interrupt drainage, water can end up against areas of the home that are not meant to handle repeated runoff or standing moisture.?

Krumm Exteriors? website recommends cleaning gutters at least twice a year, in late fall after leaves have dropped and in spring after snowmelt. Properties near pine trees may require additional attention because needles and other debris can accumulate between seasonal cleanings. The company also advises checking downspouts to confirm water can move through them and exit away from the foundation.

Other visible conditions can indicate that a gutter system needs attention. The company identifies sagging sections, standing water in the trough, loose hangers, cracks, leaks, and rust as issues worth assessing. Dark streaks on siding below the gutter line can indicate that water is spilling over the edge. Soft areas, peeling paint, or dark marks on fascia and soffit may also signal moisture exposure.

A basic ground-level review can help identify visible concerns, but work involving damaged or unstable sections requires appropriate care. Krumm Exteriors? guidance distinguishes routine observation and cleaning from problems such as persistent leaks, widespread rust, sagging runs, or softened fascia, which may require professional assessment. The company?s service information describes evaluating gutter condition and determining whether repair, replacement, or protection is appropriate for the system.

The company installs and repairs gutter systems in Wisconsin and Minnesota, including seamless aluminum gutters and custom solutions. Its website explains that seamless gutters are fabricated to fit a home and have fewer joints than sectional systems, reducing the number of potential leak points. The company also installs Leafaway® gutter protection, a system designed to keep leaves and other debris from entering the gutter channel while allowing water to drain.

Austad said the condition of the complete drainage route matters when evaluating a gutter system. ?A gutter can only move water effectively when the channel and downspout are able to carry it away from the roof and foundation,? she said. ?Looking at the whole route helps identify whether the concern is debris, a damaged section, a loose attachment, or a drainage issue beyond the gutter itself.?

Krumm Exteriors? published information also makes a distinction between gutter problems and ice dams. Ice dams form when heat escaping through the roof melts snow, and the resulting water refreezes near colder eaves. The company notes that gutter protection cannot prevent ice dams, which are generally associated with roof heat loss, insulation, and ventilation conditions. A clear gutter may provide a path for water to drain during melting, but it does not replace attention to the roof assembly.

The company?s gutter services include installation, repair, replacement, and gutter protection. Its process information describes an on-site assessment of the home, review of drainage needs, discussion of suitable system options, installation, and a final inspection. The website identifies Western Wisconsin and the Twin Cities metropolitan area among the regions served.

Krumm Exteriors is a family-owned exterior remodeling contractor serving residential and commercial properties in Wisconsin and Minnesota. Established in 1997, the company provides roofing, siding, gutter, window, deck, and repair services. Its gutter work includes seamless aluminum systems, gutter protection, and repairs intended to address drainage and exterior water-management concerns.

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