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RIDGEWORTH ROOFING  
 REVIEW

Welcome! Is your roof ready for Winter?

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Ridgeworth Roofing would like to welcome our new friends. We publish a seasonal newsletter to our clients to share our roofing knowledge, emphasizing topics for the season. A roof is a large investment and, in general, many of us forget about it until something goes wrong. Ridgeworth Roofing advises preventative maintenance because we know that it will help our customers have a trouble-free roof for many years to come. We hope that you find the newsletters useful and informative. Ridgeworth Roofing offers annual inspections, so please do give us a call and we'll be sure to provide you a report on the status of your roof system. A fall inspection is highly recommended before winter hits.



**Figure 1. Vegetation grows under this HVAC ductwork.**



**Figure 2. This healthy tree should be trimmed back prior to winter.**

In our spring newsletter, we discussed the importance of debris removal. It is also important to clear your roof in the fall. Debris that has accumulated near roof penetrations such as piping, HVAC units, and pitch pans should be disposed of, as it retains water, which will hasten roof deterioration (Figure 1). Trees should be trimmed away from the roof to prevent wear and tear (Figure 2). It is especially important to remove debris from roof drains to prevent clogging (Figures 3 & 4). Water around clogged drains will surely freeze, causing roof and drain damage. In our next issue, we will be discussing the properties of water and the impact it has on roof systems during the colder months. Enjoy the fall; we look forward to hearing from you!



**Figure 3. A severely clogged roof drain (the guard is up-side down).**



**Figure 4. Vegetation grows around and inside this roof drain.**