Most roofs are designed to withstand heavy snowfalls, but it’s important to take necessary precautions to prevent damage to your home. Here are six steps you can take to prevent damage to your home.

**Check your roofs load capacity**
It’s important to know the maximum weight your roof can support. This information can usually be found in your building plans or by consulting a structural engineer.

**Clear the snow from your roof**
If you’re worried about the weight of the snow on your roof, it’s a good idea to remove it. If it’s safe to do so, you can use a snow rake or hire a professional to clear the snow for you.

**Inspect for damage**
Heavy snow loads can cause damage to your roof such as, sagging, interior cracking, or seepage. After a snowfall, it’s a good idea to inspect your home for any type of damage.

**Monitor weather conditions**
Keep an eye on weather forecasts and take action if a heavy snowfall is expected. You may need to clear your roof more frequently during periods of heavy snow.

**Install a heat tape system**
Installing heat tape on the roofline and gutters is a proactive measure to prevent ice damming for your roof and water intrusion.

**Remove snow load from the foundation of your home**
Moving the snow away from the structure will help to reduce seepage to the interior walls, and intrusion to your foundation.