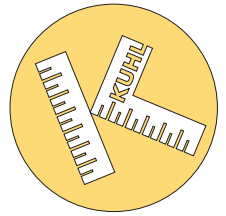


ICE DAM LEAKS

How to manage water coming down your walls



Water may be leaking from your window or door frames, from the ceiling or from down the interior wall. You can use these methods for managing that water to a certain extent. The example below shows the use of plastic, but it is sometimes better to use aluminum foil as it is easier to bend into shapes that hold their form. Your ultimate goal is to fabricate a temporary 'gutter' system inside your home.



Window/Door Technique

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Determine where the water is leaking through the frame. Dry the area as much as possible; quickly apply some masking tape as shown.

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Apply the top half of the tape to the door/window frame so that the bottom half (along its length) is left exposed. This is what you will stick your plastic/aluminum foil to.

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Here is where you will get creative. Use tape, a chair, your son's head, whatever you can, to create a temporary gutter form out of the plastic/foil. Install buckets or containers below your new gutters to collect the runoff.

Here is the technique for dealing with water that's coming down the wall.



When water is coming down a wall it is sometimes effective to apply your masking tape at an angle so the water that is harvested can be directed to a single collection vessel.