

Eavestroughing

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About 8 years ago I had eavestroughing installed on my house and it has always performed beautifully. This year it seems there is always standing water in my eavestrough; Why would this be ? Mrs Courtney , Chelsea

During my recent Inspections I have noticed that alot of houses have water standing in their eavestroughs. This is due to the massive amounts of rain we have been having and the fact that most people don't think to clean them out until the fall. One of the things one must do to ensure that the water stays free flowing is to clean them out. Make sure that the down spouts are free of all that debris.

Another reason could be the slope of the eavestrough. Over time they can shift, probably because of all the snow this winter. The weight of the ice and snow will actually bend the trough the wrong way and pull it away from the fascia to which the trough is attached. In a perfect world the fasteners would be attached to the ends of the trusses, through the fascia board, to which the fascia board is attached. But realistically this is rarely done. What may be needed is to have the fasteners checked and possibly re-align the angle of the trough with a slope towards the downspout. This is best done by a professional, perhaps the same company that did the original installation. Any ladder work can be dangerous so if you attempt this repair yourselfbe careful.

So if you are feeling lazy and think this job can wait until the fall, remember, water that stands still, such as in an eavestrough is the prefect breeding ground for those pesky mosquitos.

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