



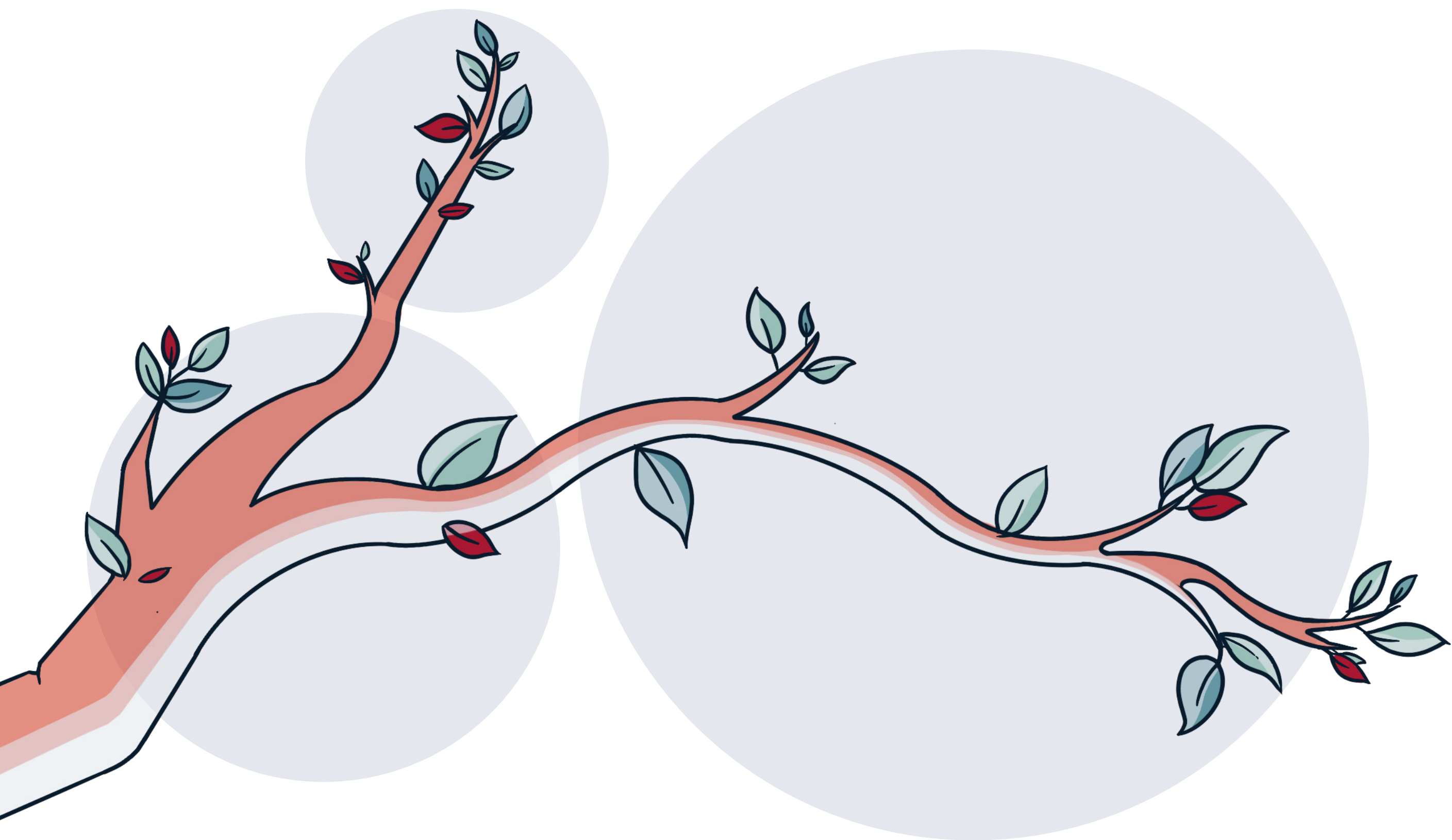
Preparing Your Home For Winter Weather



Storm Damage

Storms and adverse weather can cause many problems to buildings and outside possessions, with strong winds and heavy rainfall becoming a headache for many homeowners.

If it's safe to do so, we recommend removing any tree branches or other potential objects that might impact your building. It's also a good idea to tie down garden furniture to avoid these items causing any damage to your property.

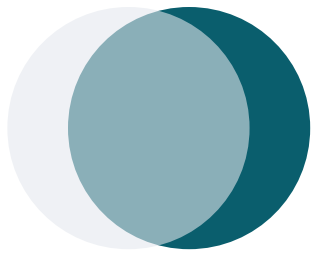


Flooding & Escape of Water

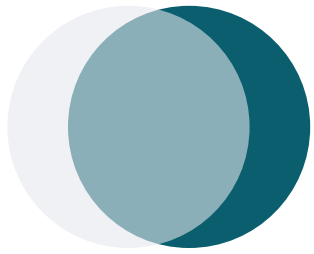


Rainfall, ice, and snow are often accompanied by the increased chance of flooding and escape of water, which can cause devastating damage to properties.

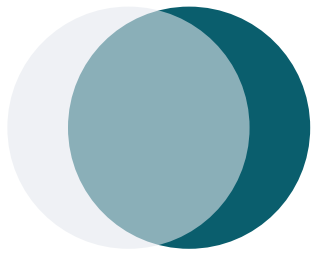
Here are some common signs of a leak you may come across in your property:



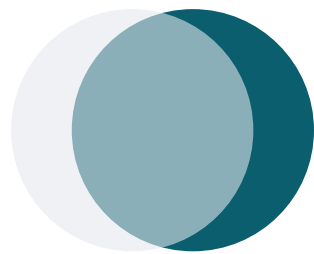
A noticeable drop in water pressure



Hissing noises near the internal stop tap



An unexplained change on your bill



Noticeable water or damp areas, such as walls and floors

Impact on Buildings



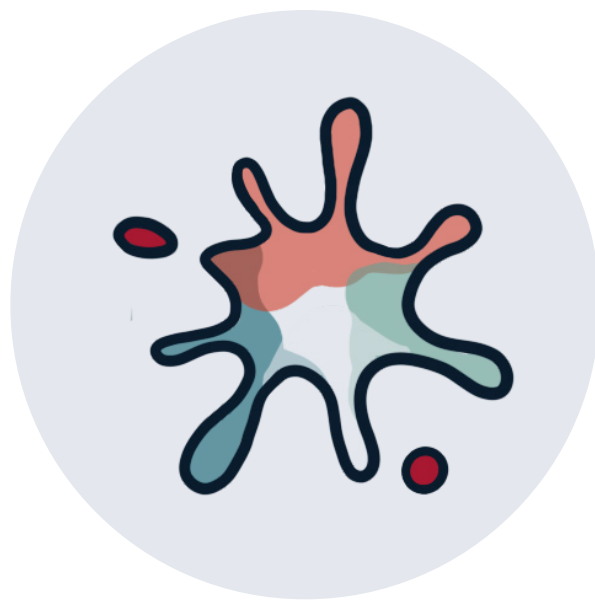
It's a good idea to clear your drainage systems before winter weather truly kicks in.

Clearing your gutters can significantly reduce the risk of debris and snow building up in your drainage systems.

Debris can include anything from:



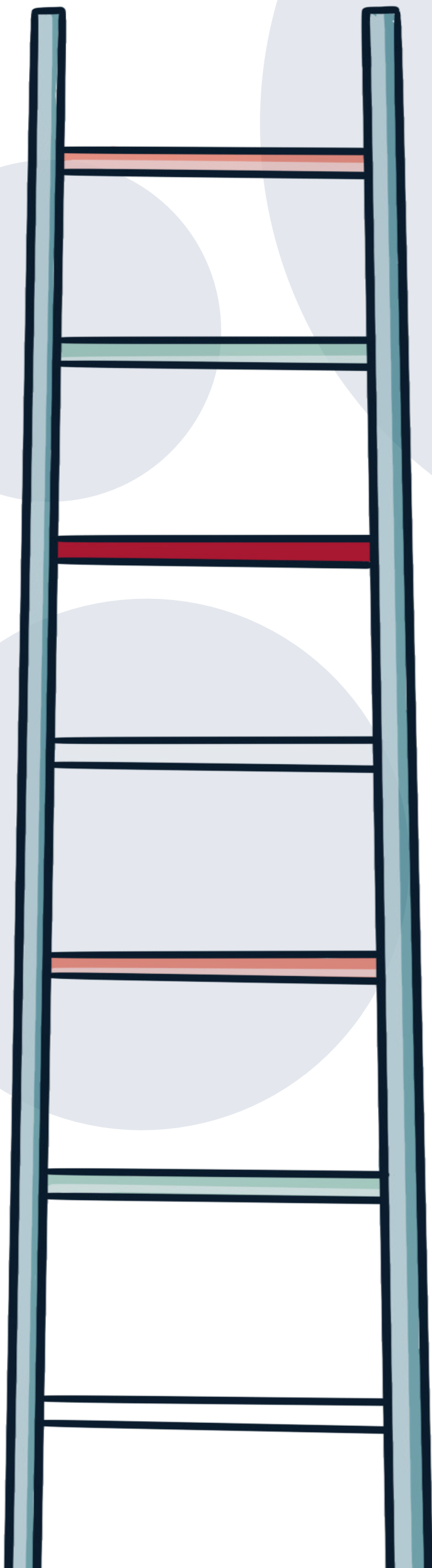
Leaves



General Dirt



Sticks



Roofs should be checked twice a year and maintained when necessary to ensure the structure is undamaged.

More commonly, the lining of your roof can degrade and begin to thin over time, which can cause leaks, so be sure to check your attic for any areas of concern.

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