



Pikes Peak
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Building Department

Hail Storm - Carbon Monoxide Dangers



After the recent hail storms, there is a lot of work that will be going on to repair windows, siding and roofing to name a few. One of the more threatening concerns our inspectors are seeing in the field are damaged mechanical vents. These are vents on a roof that are connected to gas fired appliances, such as a furnace or water heater. It is important to check your roof right away for any damage to these vents. If they are damaged there could carbon monoxide trapped in your home, causing a life threatening situation.

Things to watch for:

- The vent itself is broken or damaged
- The cap on the vent is crushed down, preventing air flow
- The vent itself has become disconnected inside from the gas fired appliance

If your vent appears to have been damaged contact a licensed mechanical contractor right away to inspect your home. If you or anyone in your home have been experiencing flu like symptoms since the hail storms, you may be suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning and will need to seek immediate medical attention.

Reminder: A roofing contractor is not qualified to replace a damaged mechanical vent; a licensed mechanical contractor must be the one making repairs. They can ONLY replace the cap on top of the vent.