

4 Signs Your Heat Cable System Is Failing

1. Ice Builds Up Where It Used to Stay Clear

If icicles or ice dams start forming in the same places your system used to protect, pay attention. The cable may still be drawing power, but that doesn't mean it's producing enough heat. Ice in a protected area is one of the clearest signs something may be wrong.





2. The Cable Stays Cold When It Should Be Warm

On a cold day, heat cable should feel warm to the touch. You can check by running your hand along an easy-to-reach section. If the cable feels cold, part of the system may have failed, and a professional can test it and identify what's failing.

3. The Outer Jacket Looks Cracked, Brittle, or Faded

After years of sun and winter weather, the outer jacket that protects the cable can start to break down. If your cable feels stiff or shows surface cracks, the outer layer may be failing. A damaged jacket can also become an electrical safety risk.





4. Clips Are Loose, Missing, or Out of Place

Clips hold the heat cable in an intentional pattern along the roof and gutters. When clips loosen or go missing, the cable can slip away from the area it was meant to protect, leaving a gap where water may refreeze.

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