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**A crew works to clear the snowpack** from the roof of a condominium building near the Steamboat Ski Area in Steamboat Springs on Monday afternoon. As season-to-date snowfall passed the historical average of 331 inches last week, calls to snow removal businesses have increased.

**Shouldering the weight**

Snow removal calls on the rise as powder continues to fall

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Standing near the edge of a roofline Monday, Tom Williams chipped away at an ice dam from a home on Clubhouse Drive in Steamboat Springs — one of 90 jobs booked for his snow removal crew.

As season-to-date snowfall at the Steamboat Ski Area sur-

passed the historical average of 331 inches last week, Williams said he received the largest volume of calls for snow removal in his 25 years in the business.

But despite the heavy snowfall — and increased demand for snow removal services — a Routt County Building Department official said most buildings are in no real danger of structural failure as a result of the hefty loads.

Ted Allen, the assistant building official for Routt County, said snowload standards were established 30 years ago, and most roofs on new homes and buildings in the area are engineered to handle between 75 and 100 pounds of snow per square foot. He estimated Monday that homes in Steamboat have about 35 to 40 pounds of snow per square foot.

"I don't believe the snow

loads are anything to worry about yet," Allen said. "It's still pretty standard from what we see, but it's pretty early in the season, and things can continue to build up."

The local snowload standards exclude storage sheds, agricultural structures, mobile homes or other buildings that adhere to federal, rather than

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**SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT**

Steamboat Ski Area	
New snow — Mid-mountain* <b>0.25 in.</b>	Total snow† <b>370.5 in.</b>
New snow — Summit <b>0.5 in.</b>	Trails open <b>165/165</b>
Base — Mid-mountain <b>75 in.</b>	Lifts open <b>16/18</b>
Base — Summit <b>89 in.</b>	Conditions <b>Packed powder</b>

\*24-hour snowfall as of 12:30 p.m. previous day; † total snow beginning Oct. 18 as measured at mid-mountain FOR UP-TO-DATE ROAD CONDITIONS, INCLUDING RABBIT EARS PASS, call 511 or visit: [www.cotrip.org](http://www.cotrip.org)



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