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## Can wet volcanic ash clog drains?

Source: https://www.rappler.com/newsbreak/iq/249272-wet-volcanic-ash-clog-drains



MANILA, Philippines – It's true – wet volcanic ash can clog drains on roofs, as posts on social media say. (READ: What to do before, during, and after a volcano eruption)

According to GNS Science, the New Zealand government-owned earth and science research institute, it's best to sweep ash off a roof, because "the addition of water will turn the ash into mud which can set like concrete." (LOOK: Houses, trees in Calabarzon, Metro Manila covered in ash day after Taal Volcano eruption)

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) also advises against using large amounts of water to clean ash off roofs, as this may cause the ash to form a "glue-like 'cake' material," which will be difficult to remove and add more weight to the roof.

They also recommend not flushing ash into drains or downspouts, as this may cause them to clog. Instead, they recommend shoveling the ash to remove the bulk of it, then brooms to sweep the ash and place them in bags to reduce remobilization.

Residents in several areas, including Calabarzon and Metro Manila, woke up to ashfall on Monday, January 13, after Taal Volcano spewed ash and lava amid an impending eruption. (LOOK: Ashfall from Taal Volcano spreads to Calabarzon, Metro Manila)

State volcanologists raised Alert Level 4 on Sunday evening, January 12, warning that an eruption may occur within hours or days. – Rappler.com

#### LEAVE YOUR ROOF CLEANING TO PROFESSIONALS

Leave the cleaning of your ash-covered roofs to professionals. Cleaning your roof of ashes is not as easy as it looks.

Ash can affect your health - eyes, mouth, lungs, skin. Think of those micro elements flying in the air and landing on you.

Climbing roofs can also be dangerous. There is nothing desirable about losing an arm and a leg just to clean the roof.

If you do not know the roofing installation intricacies, you may damage your roof and cause more leaks than you already have. Or you simply make your roof look worse.

And in case you need to re-roof and give your old house a new, fresh look, Multi-Line can help you get this done with assurance of quality, least inconvenience to you and your family.

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