

# Now's a Great Time to "Blanket" Your Home for Energy Savings this Winter!



Making your home a little "tighter" by adding weather-stripping, additional insulation, caulks and/or gaskets to plug air leaking from cracks and crevices makes a lot of dollars and cents!

These measures offer comfort and savings. The more important of the two is comfort. No one wants to be at home in the winter and feel cold air coming in around a door or a window. We all want to be as comfortable as possible. Plugging that leak, by either using foam tapes, gaskets, caulks or putting shrink or stretch window kits on the windows will drastically reduce drafts and make our life pleasant at home. The energy savings become an added bonus to our comfort.

Here are some quick and easy answers to typical problems that come up just about every year in many homes.

<b>PROBLEM</b>	<b>SOLUTION</b>
Frigid air radiates through the window glass.	Invest in window insulation kits. They increase R-Value (resistance to heat flow) of single pane window and patio doors by nearly 90% and keep cold air out. If a window's R-value is high, it will lose less heat than one with a lower R-value.
Air, dust and dirt are coming in under the door.	Replace or get a door sweep and/or threshold to help seal gaps under the door.
Air leaks in around the windows.	Apply a self-adhesive foam tape to help fill gaps around windows for a better seal.
Loose fitting door that allows air to leak in around the top and sides.	Use self-adhesive tape or a more permanent door set to help tighten and seal leaks.
Dirt, leaves and dust come in around the garage doors.	Invest in garage door bottom kits or top and side kits to seal gaps, stop leaves, dust and water from coming in around the garage door.
Drafts come in around or through the window air conditioner unit.	You need high compressible foam to insulate around the window air conditioner as well as an air conditioner cover to prevent drafts from passing thru during the winter.