

WARMER AT HOME WINTERIZATION KIT GIVE AWAY

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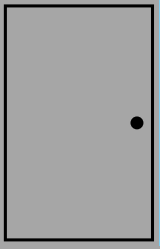
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Instructions and Tips

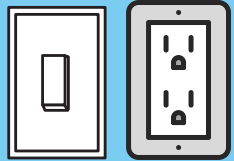


DOOR SWEEP INSTALATION

Prepare the area by cleaning the bottom of the door and threshold with soap and water. Allow the area to dry thoroughly. Measure the width of the door and cut the door sweep vinyl to size with scissors. Place the door sweep so that it seals against the threshold and mark on the door where the sweep should be. Remove the paper backing and stick it on your mark. Press into place and make sure there is good contact with the door. A credit card or similar object may be used to smooth the strip and assist in a firm contact.

WINDOW INSULATION PLASTIC

Identify windows to be insulated. Ideally insulated windows are north facing and in rooms where you spend the most time such as the living room and bedroom. Clean the window trim with soap and water and dry thoroughly. Measure the window and cut tape to fit. Cut the plastic sheeting to fit the window size. Apply double stick tape around the trim of the window making sure it is sealed in place all the way around. Remove the backing paper from the front of the tape. Start by sticking plastic sheeting on one side of the window and pull tight while adhering the other side. Once film is tight and sealed to the tape on all four sides use a knife or scissors to trim excess plastic.



FOAM GASKETS

Start by removing the cover plate on the switch or outlets on exterior walls. Make sure holes are removed from the foam. Position the foam in place, and screw cover plate over foam gasket and tighten screws to create a good seal. Trim any excess with a utility knife.

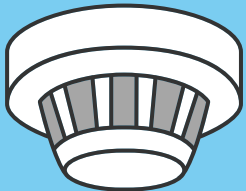
ROPE CAULK

This can be installed on the moving elements of a window as a temporary seal. Surface should be clean and dry. Separate a strand and tear off the desired length. Use your finger to press caulk into any gap that allows draft. For larger gaps, use multiple strands.



SELF-STICK WEATHER STRIP

This product can be used on doors and window. Make sure the surface is clean and dry. Trim to size and remove paper backing. Apply anywhere a seal is needed on moving elements.



SMOKE DETECTOR AND CO2 ALARM

This should be installed in the hall ceiling near the bedroom(s). Open package and install batteries. Screw in the mounting plate with the two screws provided (drywall anchors may need to be used). The alarm is then put onto the mounting plate and twisted into place. Alarm should be tested after install to be sure it is working properly.



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WINTER HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST



CHANGE YOUR FURNACE FILTER

You should change the filter in your furnace unit every 60 days, at a minimum. This is the most important step to improving air quality and energy efficiency in your home.

WEATHERPROOF DOORS AND WINDOWS

Doors and windows should not have any gaps or cracks that can cause air infiltration. Fill any gaps with silicone-based caulk, or foam weather strips.

REVERSE YOUR CEILING FANS

Most ceiling fans have a switch located where the blades connect to the motor. In the winter, we want the fan blades to move in a clockwise direction. That will allow the fan to push warm air down into the living space.

CLEAN OUT YOUR DRYER VENT

Clogged dryer hoses pose huge fire hazards. In fact, according to the National Fire Protection Association, U.S. firefighters respond to approximately 14,630 house fires annually that were caused by dryers.

DISCONNECT EXTERIOR GARDEN HOSES

A garden hose left attached through the cold months can lead to the freezing of the hose bib. This can lead to a water leak inside the wall that will quickly cause problems.

CLEAN OUT GUTTERS

Clogged gutters and downspouts can lead to excess ice build-up on your roof. Be sure to keep gutters and downspouts clear of debris to promote proper drainage.

KEEP THE INTERIOR OF THE HOME HEATED

Keeping the temperature of your home above freezing is not only important for your safety, but the safety of your home. Freezing temperatures can lead to a burst pipe that can destroy a home in a hurry. Leaving a slow drip in the faucet can help the water to move and keep from freezing

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