

Heating your home is over 60% of your electricity bill. Did you know that up to 25% of your home heating costs might be attributed to heat leaking through doors, windows, outlets and vents?

The more heat you can keep in your house and stop it from leaking out, the less money you'll spend.

Insulation

 Insulation helps keep your home warm in the winter and cool in the summer. When correctly installed, insulation can deliver comfort and savings, especially during the hottest and coldest times of the year.

Seal outdoor outlets

 Don't forget your home's exterior! Make sure to use insulated electrical outlet boxes with proper sealing to prevent air leaks.



Fill the gap

 Up to 13% of your home's total heating and cooling could be escaping through the spaces around your windows and doors. Draft proof or weatherstrip around frames to prevent air loss.

Let the sunshine in

 On sunny winter days, open window coverings to let warm light in. Once the sun sets, close them to retain heat.

Add window film

 Seal your windows with inexpensive plastic film using a hair dryer. Both indoor and outdoor sheeting are available, so be sure to read the label.

Replace the filters

 Clogged furnace filters diminish your home's air quality. Plus, they use more energy and force the system to work harder. Check the furnace filters monthly, and remember to clean or replace them every 90 days, depending on whether they're disposable or permanent.

Woodstove

- If you cover the damper when you aren't using the woodstove, you'll avoid air leaks and heat loss.
- If you have a fireplace or woodstove, when you need more heat you may want to throw a log on the fire instead of plugging in a space heater – space heaters use a lot of energy and can be expensive.

Crawlspace

- Check out your crawlspace turn on the heater and water heat trace systems just high enough to keep from freezing.
- Check out the vents and make sure they are sealed for the winter to keep the heat in and animals out.

For more energy-saving tips, visit HydroOne.com/SaveEnergy.



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