

HELPFUL HOME TIPS



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Preparing Your Home for Winter

As winter is almost upon us we tend to get all worked up with things we need to get done during the holiday season. One such thing is to make sure your home is warm and welcoming to your friends and family, so here are some helpful tips to keep you warm and maybe save a little money during the holidays.

With many houses you will generally find cold zones near windows and doorways. These areas are prone for drafts that allow cold air to come into your home. A quick and easy solution is to purchase a tube of caulking to fill in the gaps around the door and window frames. Weather stripping will also reduce the amount of cold air that enters your home around your door. Remember, if there are gaps around your door or window, fill it up.

The heart of keeping your home warm is your heating system, whether it be a radiator, furnace or electric baseboards. These systems work off one principle, air circulation. To make sure that the air is circulating correctly, make sure that the heating system is clean. Take your vacuum over the air exchange vent to clean off any dust or debris.

For gas furnaces you can clean out the ducting with a vacuum and check that the air filter is clean at least once every two months increasing efficiency of the furnace. If you aren't comfortable with doing this work yourself call a local furnace repair company and ask them to perform a cleaning of the furnace and ducting. You can also request the furnace repair company to run a quick check to see if there are any leaks in the ducting. If you are the do it yourself type, make sure to pay attention to any of the joints in the piping or where there are any seams. These areas if not taped with insulating tape can leak heat. A quick test is to hold a lit candle at these seams or joints to see if there is any airflow. If you find one just take the insulating tape and wrap that joint.

Hope you find these winter tips helpful in keeping your home warm and inviting for the holiday season.

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