

Seal Windows and Doors Before Winter Hits



Category	Details	Benefits
Energy Savings	- Sealing windows and doors reduces heating costs by up to 20%. - Air leaks can account for 25-30% of heating costs. - Initial investment in materials pays off quickly through monthly savings.	- Lower energy bills. - Decreased strain on heating systems.
Indoor Comfort	- Eliminates cold drafts. - Creates consistent indoor temperatures. - Reduces the need to overheat rooms for warmth.	- Enhanced living comfort. - Balanced room temperatures. - No more layering or searching for "warm spots."
Environmental Impact	- Reduced energy usage lowers greenhouse gas emissions. - Contributes to broad conservation efforts through reduced fossil fuel consumption.	- Environmentally friendly. - Supports sustainable living practices.
Problem Areas	- Common air leaks occur around windows, door frames, sills, thresholds, and material joints. - Detect drafts using touch, smoke tests, or visual inspection. - Gaps can also occur around pipes and utility penetrations.	- Comprehensive sealing targets all major air infiltration points. - Advanced detection tools are optional but helpful.
Materials & Tools	Caulk: Silicone, acrylic latex, polyurethane for different needs. Weatherstripping: Foam, V-strip, door sweeps, threshold seals. Tools: Caulking gun, utility knife, measuring tape, putty knife.	- Long-lasting seals. - Improved appearance for caulked areas. - Budget-friendly and specific solutions available.