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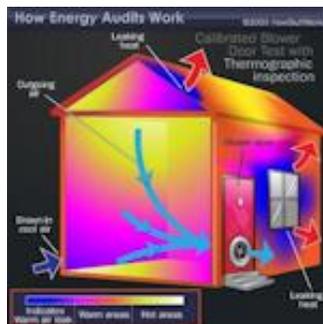
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Is Your Home Ready For Winter?

Start by Sealing Up The Attic!

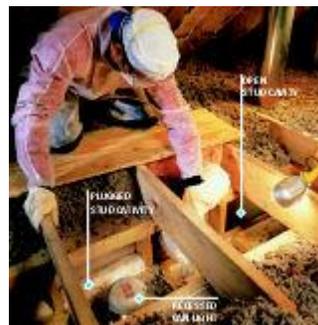


An unsealed attic will act as a chimney in a leaky house. One of the first things you can do to begin sealing up your house for winter is to stop the "chimney effect." Hot air generated by the furnace will rise and pull air in through basement or window leaks. The air is then pushed out through leaks in the attic. This chimney effect

creates energy losses and costs you money. Here are some tips for sealing attic leaks.

Sealing The Big Holes First

Don't worry about sealing all of the small cracks. Start with the biggest holes first. One of the areas to examine is where the walls in your home meet the attic floor. Dropped soffits, dropped ceiling areas and behind or under kneewalls are a great place to start. These are typically not sealed and insulated well enough to prevent heat loss. If you have a room that is built into an attic space, you will want to be sure that the open cavities under the floor are insulated.



Look For Dirty Insulation

One good indicator of air leaks is dirty insulation. Even though insulation is stuffed into a space, it may look blackened or dirty. This indicates that dirt, dust and air are moving through the insulation on a regular basis. The remedy is to pull

the insulation back, caulk and fill the cracks that are causing the air leak, then re-insulate.

Inspect Flues & Vent Pipes

You will also want to inspect areas where vent pipes and



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furnace flues pass through the ceiling and attic space. There may be cracks and gaps around these pipes that can be caulked and better insulated to keep your home airtight. Once the major holes and gaps in your attic are filled, other more minor sources of heat losses can be located. These would include electrical junction boxes for ceiling fixtures and plumbing pipes that pass through the attic space. Cracks around these culprits can be either caulked or filled with foam to slow down air leaks. The final step in eliminating the chimney effect in your attic is to seal the attic door. This can be done with weather stripping placed around the hatch frame. Then add a hook or latching system that pulls the hatch door in tight to the weather strip.



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