



TIPS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Preparing Your Home For Colder Weather

(NAPSA)—Preparing your home for colder weather can help you save money on energy bills. The U.S. Department of Energy (U.S. DOE) suggests these tips to keep your home comfortable:

- Check the insulation in your attic, ceilings, exterior and basement walls, floors, and crawl spaces to see if it meets levels recommended for your area. Proper insulation could reduce your heating costs by up to 30 percent.

- Install winter storm windows and doors, replacing any screens.

- Inspect windows, doors and the exterior of your home for cracks or leaks, and caulk, patch or weather-strip any areas that might leak cold air.

- Replace any windows or doors as needed. Products with the ENERGY STAR label can reduce heating costs by up to 15 percent.

- Have a heating professional inspect and service your heating equipment before you begin to use it for the season. Heat pumps and oil-fired furnaces need annual tune-ups; gas-fired equipment can be serviced every other year. Professional technicians will be able to detect leaks, soot, rust, rot, corroded electrical contacts and frayed wires.

- Replace furnace filters in your heating unit regularly. Clean filters help to improve the airflow and efficiency while lowering your utility bills. Most manufacturers recommend changing disposable filters monthly and cleaning reusable filters every other month.

- Finally, if you need to replace your current home heating unit,



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consider a new heat pump or furnace. The latest furnaces and heat pumps from Coleman® Heating and Air Conditioning are highly efficient and meet Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) ratings or Heating Season Performance Factor (HSPF) ratings.

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