

Winterizing Your Windows and Doors

According to Energy.gov, heating and cooling accounts for more than half of the energy use in a typical U.S. home, making it the largest energy expense for most homes!

Put in the time, it'll pay off this winter.

The Check Over

Check for anything noticeable like cracks or nicks in the window panes and ensure all doors close properly.

For doors, if you can stick a piece of cardboard under or above the door, you have a serious gap.

Don't forget those small basement or attic windows!

Feel Drafty?

Light a tall candle, hold the candle up to the window and door. See the light flickering towards you? There might be a draft.

11%
of air leakage comes from doors

Winterizing Windows

1/3
of household heat escapes through windows.

Replace window screens with glass
Caulk windows
Install thermal curtains

Winterizing Doors

Install a storm doors.
Add a weather strip under any cracks above or below the door.

Weather stripping takes 5-10 minutes per door

Winterizing your windows and doors saves money

Heating Bill Tips

Set the thermostat for when you are away

Turn down the heat at night

Avoid using space heaters

Don't forget to winterize your fireplace

Running a space heater continually for a month can run your electric bill up \$90

Questions? Contact the experts at Omni. 888.369.9043

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