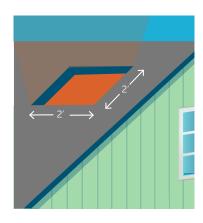
# Find Comfort and Savings with Air Sealing & Insulation

# How do I know if my home is losing too much heat?

#### 1. Find the root cause—start with air leaks.

A good home weatherization strategy is like clothing yourself for outdoor activities. When you "zip up" your jacket you help keep your body heat from escaping. Air sealing is essentially "zipping up" your home.

The most common air leakage points are in your attic and basement. The average home has enough cracks and openings, that when combined, equate to a two-foot-square hole. Leaving them unsealed is like leaving a window open all year long. No one likes heating air only for it to eventually escape.



#### 2. Insulation: a sweater under your windbreaker

Any surface in your home or building that separates the interior from the exterior should be insulated after being properly air sealed. The most common insulation improvements occur in the attic or basement of a home. While no two homes are the same, more insulation is typically better.

We always recommend air sealing before adding insulation. When paired together, the average household can save hundreds each year in heating costs.

Insulation comes in a variety of forms, including traditional rolls, spray cellulose, and foam. Choosing the right kind of insulation depends on where you're adding it, the desired R-value, and your budget. A professional can best advise you on the right choice for your home.

### Reasons why good air sealing and insulation matters



#### Be More Comfortable

Making your home energyefficient will transform the way you feel inside your home and you'll find yourself doing less to keep your home cozy and warm.



#### Save Money on Energy Bills

On average, homeowners reduce their energy bills by up to 20%, which is hundreds of dollars each year.



#### A Healthier You

Airborne particles cause poor air quality which can aggravate asthma, allergies, and other health problems. Controlling air leakage and updating ventilation improves the quality of the air your family breathes.



# Work with a professional to make a big impact

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® projects use a whole-home approach to provide the most savings and greatest comfort. Start with a BPI-Certified Efficiency Excellence Network contractor who can:



- **conduct specific energy loss tests** to help identify and prioritize improvements
- **perform energy upgrades**, completing work in stages or all at once
- ensure heath and safety by testing air quality and whether your heating system is emitting carbon monoxide
- help you connect with Efficiency Vermont to receive up to \$9,500 back
- give you access to the Home Energy Loan, which allows you to finance your project with a low or no-interest loan



The most expensive thing you can do is nothing.

We can help you pay for your investment.

#### Sample Financing Scenario



# Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Costs at a Glance\*

Avg. Project Cost	\$8,000
Incentives	Up to \$9,500
<b>Energy Savings</b>	Hundreds per year

#### The Home Energy Loan

Interest Rate	0%-6.99%
Amounts	Up to \$20,000
Payback Period	Up to 15 years

<sup>\*</sup>Based on Home Performance with ENERGY STAR projects as of January 2021. Savings based off average home with oil heat. Actual cost, savings, and cash flow scenarios vary by individual project. Incentives: 75% of total qualifying project cost, not to exceed \$9,500 for customers whose income falls below 120% Area Median Income (AMI), or \$4,000 for those above 120% AMI. Incentives are subject to rebate availability and eligibility.