



Insulation

Air moves in and out of your home through every nook and cranny it can find. The majority of the air escapes through the ceilings, walls and floors of your home.



Plenty of Insulation found in this attic.

The easiest way to stop the escaping air is by insulating those areas. Take a look up in your attic, if there is less than R-22 (7 inches of blown in insulation) then you would benefit by adding more. The recommend R-Value for the Omaha area is R-49 for attics, R-25 for floors, R-18 for walls, and R-19 for crawl-spaces.

Insulation comes in 4 basic types. Batt Insulation fits between

studs and joists in the ceiling, floors, and walls. Rolls or blanket of insulation lay over the floor in the attic. Loose-fill insulation is blown into the attic or wall spaces with a machine that you can rent or use free of charge from where ever you purchase your insulation from. Last is Rigid Foam Board insulation used in confined spaces like exterior walls, basements, foundations and crawl spaces.

Insulate crawl spaces walls only if the crawlspace is dry all year, the floor above is not insulated, and all ventilation to the crawl

space is blocked. A vapor retarder should be installed on the ground to reduce moisture migration into the crawl space.



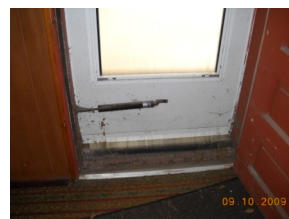
Lack of Insulation, recommend adding some for added comfort and lower utility bills.

exterior walls.

Install storm windows over single pane windows or a less costly alternative is to use heavy-clear plastic to reduce drafts, water condensation and frost formation on the windows.

Winter is a great time for weatherization, air leaks are easier to find and you can fill the differ-

ence almost immediately afterwards.



Air leak under doors are very common and easy to fix.

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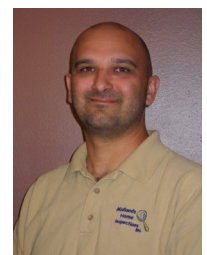


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Weatherization

You can save up to 10 % on your energy bills by reducing air leaks in your home. Caulk and weather strip doors and windows that leak air. Seal leaks around all exterior penetrations of the exterior walls, floors and ceilings. (Example: plumbing, ducting or electrical) Install caskets behind outlets and switch plates on