

Comfort Corner

Cozy Up To These Tips On Keeping Warm

(NAPSA)—Here's news many families may warm to: There are steps you can take to keep your heating bill down and your comfort level up. Here are a few to consider:

- **Be wise—weatherize.** Make sure your home has the right amount of insulation in walls, attic and basement.

- **Layer it on you.** Wear lots of thin layers to trap the heat close to you. Choose wool, cotton or fleecy synthetic materials and add slippers to your winter wardrobe to keep feet cozy and warm.

- **Don't let your cold cash get into hot water.** Be sure there's a layer of insulation around your hot-water heater, too. You'll not only save money, you may get hot water faster.

- **Apply yourself to your appliances.** Are they up to date and energy efficient?

- **Don't let your income go out the window.** Check windows and doors for drafts and caulk where necessary.

- **Put a damper on wasted heat.** Curl up by the fire—just be sure you close the flue when you're through so your home's heat doesn't go up the chimney.



Keeping your feet warm is one way to make it easier to foot your heating bill.

- **Toe the energy-saving line.** To keep your heating bills down and your houseguests warm, turn the thermostat down a couple of degrees and keep slippers on hand for your family and houseguests. Dearfoams (www.dearfoams.com) offers stylish and cozy slipper styles for men and women. They are reasonably priced so you can buy multiple pairs to keep around your house or give them as a gift to friends and family and help them cut down on their heating bills as well this season.