

Inexpensive Fixes To Home Energy-Eaters

Five Products Under \$10 Can Cut A Chunk Out Of Energy Bills

(NAPSA)—Have soaring energy prices left your wallet a bit empty lately? Don't lose your cool because of wasted energy and too-high electric bills. Energy-efficiency is as easy as a quick trip to your local hardware store.

Protect yourself from skyrocketing bills by trouble-shooting the energy-eaters in your home, such as drafts and leaks. With a small investment in a few inexpensive, yet, energy-conscious products, you can cut a chunk out of your household energy bills.

Begin your attack on energy-eaters with these five products under \$10:

- Caulk Your Home's Leaks
(www.osisealants.com)

Did you know that a 1/8 inch gap around two door frames can let in as much cold air as leaving a 12 inch window opened 6 inches all winter long? Fortunately, caulking around windows, doors and vents is an easy and inexpensive project for even the beginning do-it-yourselfer. Products, such as, Polyseamseal® All-Purpose Adhesive Caulk provide easy-to-use, weather-resistant seals against air, moisture, dirt and dust.

- Replace Air Filters
(www.precisionaire.com)

Dirty air filters in heating and cooling units restrict airflow and can cause your system to run longer, increasing energy use. Replace your air filters monthly for maximum benefit. In addition to energy savings, products such as, NaturalAire filters also reduce dust, pollen and lint in the air.

- Stop Door Drafts Cold!
(www.duckproducts.com)

If you can see daylight around



A small investment in a few home repair products can save a bundle on household energy bills.

door frames, weatherstripping is a must! A drafty door can lose valuable heat or air conditioned air in your home and let in the unwanted outdoor air. Products, such as, Duck® brand Super “V” Weatherstripping provides easy installation and a special “V” shape for a draft-proof seal.

- Dim the Lights
(www.lutron.com)

Varying your lighting intensities not only creates a romantic mood, it can save quite a bit of energy. Dimmers use much less electricity than switches and can make bulbs last more than 20 times longer! Lutron dimmers also offer combination fan-speed controls and dimmers for additional energy savings.

- Insulate Your Pipes
(www.duckproducts.com)

Reduce costly heat loss from hot water pipes and prevent freezing and sweating of cold water pipes with pipe wrap. Products, such as, Duck® brand Spiral Pipe Wrap offer simple installation and new reflective air bubble technology.