

# Second summer

Summer is over, children are back in school, and we may experience summer-like weather despite it being fall. Even if it feels like winter will never come, don't be fooled. Winter is coming, and now is the time to prepare.

Look around your home. See any gaps around your doors or windows? A 1/12-inch gap around an exterior door is like having a 4x5-inch hole in the wall. Add cracks around other doors and windows, and you could allow a lot of cold air into your home this winter.

Plugging those leaks will increase your comfort, and it pays for itself in reduced energy bills. Just weather stripping around doors and windows can cut heat loss by nearly half. Caulking, additional insulation and storm doors and windows are other measures that will make your home even more energy efficient.

Visit [touchstoneenergy.com/efficiency](http://touchstoneenergy.com/efficiency) or call your local electric cooperative for more information on weatherization plans that will fit your budget and pay off in lower energy costs. Then, sit back and enjoy these second summer days before frost really sets in.



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