



## Back to school means preparing for winter

School bells are ringing and the children are headed off to class. It feels like winter will never come, but it will and now is the time to prepare for the cold frigid winds of Old Man Winter.

Look around your home. See any gaps around your doors or windows? A 1/12-inch gap around a standard exterior door is like having a 4 x 5 inch hole in the wall. Add that to cracks around other doors and windows and you could be allowing a lot of cold air into your home this winter.

Plugging those leaks will increase your comfort, and it will pay for itself in reduced energy bills. Just weather stripping around doors and windows can cut their 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.

So, sit back and enjoy the rest of the summer knowing that you'll be saving money this winter.

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