THE PATH TO SEALING YOUR HOME

The average U.S. home has a ½ mile of gaps and cracks—
which can let in bugs, pests, water and allergens. These issues can be solved easily but when many consumers don’t recognize insulating foam sealants as a solution for air sealing, it is clear homeowners could use a primer on air sealing their homes.

KNOW THY AIR SEALANT

The insulating foam sealant, an expanding spray polyurethane foam, offers insulating properties, insulating foam sealant can help keep your home cool in the summer and warm in the winter (generally all small enough).

Extra Tip: Your home is properly insulated and sealed, it could save you up to 30% on your heating and cooling bills.

IDENTIFY YOUR PROJECT

Instead of filling a gap or crack piecemeal, it pays to identify all of the air sealing trouble spots by inspecting the entire house.

Extra Tip: Planning your project in advance will allow you to use a can of GREAT STUFF™ Insulating Foam Sealant efficiently.

START AT THE TOP

WHERE YOU KICK BACK

In the attic, check the attic hatch, around electrical and cable lines, plumbing shafts and gas lines. Even look for dirty insulation that can indicate air flow.

Extra Tip: While attics are like a superhighway for unwanted air to enter and wander freely, pests and critters travel these roads too and can be blocked with GREAT STUFF™ Pestblock Insulating Foam Sealant.

In your living space, the obvious culprits include window and door frames, around the perimeter of electrical outlets (not inside the box), under baseboards, gas line and plumbing penetrations, air/heating vents and around the perimeter of covered wire and electrical conduit penetrations on exterior walls.

DON’T FORGET THE BASEMENT

In the basement, check the rim joist, floor wall junction, around gas lines, HVAC ducts and PVC pipe penetrations, window and door frames with trim, cable TV lines and around the perimeter of covered wire and conduit penetrations from the exterior of the house.

OPENINGS MADE FOR THRESHOLD WINDS THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE

Extra Tip: If the attic is the source of drafts, this area can help keep the spread of smoke and flames. However, a fireblock-rated insulating foam sealant seals the penetration to impede the spread of air and flames.

CLEAN & GREEN

Once you have addressed the problem areas listed above, it’s time to clean it up and dispose of any empty cans properly. Empty cans can be recycled and non-empty cans should be handled according to your local regulations.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Consumers think gap & crack sealing is a big undertaking, but solutions like GREAT STUFF™ Insulating Foam Sealants can help get the job done with no prior experience required.

Extra Tip: Don't have ideas from the Pros? Give Thinking a Contractor who can get the job done expertly.

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