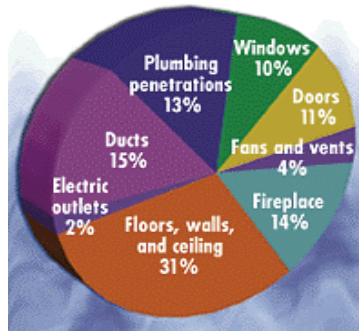




Saving on Your Heating Costs

Here are some easy and effective ways of reducing energy use in your home, and saving money.

- Insulation – proper insulation is important, because it keeps warm air inside the house in the winter, and out in the summer. By insulating walls, ceiling, attics, crawlspaces, basements, windows, and doors, the need for heat or air conditioning will be decreased significantly.
- Weather Conditions – Windows play an important role in saving energy. It is effective to both weather-strip your windows, and to use double paned windows to ensure that the cold and hot temperatures stay outside. Air can escape very quickly through holes and cracks around windows.
- Thermostat Settings – Most people overuse the thermostat, leading to much higher energy bills. It is a good idea to turn the thermostat to a lower temperature when leaving the house, or when going to bed at night. Investing in a programmable thermostat is an effective way to automatically change heat settings according to the time of the day.
- Proper Equipment and Maintenance – By upgrading and maintaining equipment, you will end up saving a great deal of money. Properly working equipment will lead to a more efficient use of fuel.



How Does the Air Escape?

Air infiltrates in and out of your home through every hole, nook, and cranny. About one third of this air infiltrates through openings in your ceilings, walls, and floors.