

When the days start getting shorter and nights get colder, it's time to start getting your home ready for winter. Here are a few simple things you can do to keep your home warm and comfortable all season long.



TOOLS

- Insulation Cutter
- Utility Knife
- R-Value Ruler
- Worklight
- Goggles
- Gloves
- Atticat® Insulation
 Blowing Machine
 (Tool Rental Centre)

MATERIALS

- Insulation
- Weather Stripping
- Insulating Foam Sealant
- Window Insulator Kit

STEP 1 UPGRADE INSULATION



Insulating is the first step to ensuring your home stays warm and cozy for the winter. For a larger project, such as a basement, you'll get even better results by installing fireproof or soundproof insulation.



STEP 2TOP UP YOUR ATTIC



If too much heat escapes through your attic, it can cause snow on your roof to repeatedly melt and refreeze, creating a thick ice dam that can cause serious damage. The solution is to top up your attic insulation. Start by measuring the depth of your insulation using a free Owens Corning ruler from The Home Depot. If the levels are less than 4" your attic needs to be topped up.



Rent an insulation blowing machine from The Home Depot Tool Rental Centre and use a loosefill insulation such as Atticat. This is an easy weekend project, and a 1000 square foot attic can be completed in less than 4 hours.

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STEP 3WEATHER STRIP WINDOWS AND DOORS



Weather stripping your windows and doors is another great way to keep the cold out. To find out where weather stripping is needed, wet your hand and run it along your door seam or window casing. The moisture on your hand will help you detect any incoming drafts. You can choose from several types of weather stripping at The Home Depot. Door sweeps and adhesive backed insulation foam are also very effective draft deterrents.