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MORE ENERGY SAVING IDEAS

Unless you have a specially designed, energy efficient home, you can almost always reduce your energy costs and improve your home's comfort level by sealing air leaks and adding insulation. Sealing air leaks should be first on your agenda, then insulation. Here are some easy ways to seal your home and make rooms more comfortable.

- In unfinished areas of your basement, seal where the cement meets the wood frame at the top of the basement wall.
- Seal around windows and door frames. You should use good caulk that will last a long time.
- Weather strip doors and windows so they close tightly
- Seal with spray foam insulation around pipes and wires that pass into your home.

Remember your home's comfort and energy efficiency depends not only on proper air sealing strategies, but insulation, moisture control and proper ventilation. Balancing all these aspects of your home's airflow will create a healthier home, and pay for itself quickly, even in a newer home.

Ask your REALTOR to send you HWA's additional energy saving ideas with more on air sealing and insulating.



Your basement can be a significant source of energy loss.

Simple solution:

Look around your home to make sure no furniture or other objects are obstructing registers or cold air returns. This could be the reason for the discomfort in a room.

