

Quick Fix

Something you can do right now

☐ **Open your shades on winter days**

Taking advantage of winter's direct sunlight can make a dent in your heating costs. Open blinds and other window treatments during the day to capture free heat and light.

South-facing windows have the most potential for heat gain, and the sun is most intense from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

When you let the sun in, remember to lower the thermostat by a few degrees. These two steps combined are what save money and energy.

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☐ **Program your thermostat**

A programmable thermostat can automatically adjust your heat or air conditioning when you're away, then return to your preferred temperature when you're home to enjoy it.

If you don't already have a programmable thermostat, look for one at your local home improvement store. For comfort and convenience, be sure to program your thermostat with energy-efficient settings.

If you need help installing or programming your thermostat, consult your manual or call the manufacturer for assistance.

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☐ **Weatherstrip windows and doors**

Windows and doors can be responsible for up to 25% of heat loss in winter for a typical home.

If you're comfortable doing the task yourself, you can weatherize your home in just a few hours. Seal windows for about \$1 each with rope caulk, or install more permanent weatherstripping for \$8-\$10 per window. Also, install sweeps at the bottom of exterior doors.

A professional can help you with this work if you prefer.

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