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Home Weatherization FAQs



Where are the common areas I need to caulk?

- Around window frames, inside and out.
- Around stack penetrations in roof and foundation.
- Around dryer, bathroom and kitchen vents.





Is there a certain way to apply caulk?

- Push, don't pull, the gun along the gap.
- Tool the joint to finish and clean it up.
- Wipe away excess with a rag.





What types of weatherstripping should I use for a window?

- Use the v-type for the moving parts of the window (sides).
- Use foam tape for the top and bottom.
- Add-on items include tape measure, utility knife, nails and hammer.





When should I use expanding foam sealant?

- Gaps larger than 1/4 inch.
- Irregular gaps.
- Be careful using it around windows, as it can bow the frame.
- Fill gaps about 33 percent.
- It can be trimmed, sanded and painted after curing.





How do I keep pipes from freezing?

- Seal all holes and cracks around the home.
- Use an outdoor faucet cover.
- Use pipe wrap for insulating pipes.
- Or, use tube pipe insulation for pipes.





What R-value of insulation should I use?

- Homes heated by gas or oil in southern locations should use R-19.
- Homes heated by electricity in southern locations should use R-19.
- Homes in the coldest climates should use R-49.



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