

Fall Checklist:

- Drafts around windows, doors, air vents and electrical outlets can account for (approximately or about) 25% of total annual heating costs.
- Use heat-shrink plastic to act as inside storm windows.
- Check your insulation. The attic is the first place to consider for more insulation because that area represents, on average, 10% to 15% of your home's overall heat loss.
- Arrange the yearly maintenance check on your furnace to ensure it's working at peak efficiency for the winter ahead.
- Install a programmable thermostat, an energy saving technique that can save you 16% to 25% in energy.
- Save on your water heating bill by insulating at least the first two metres (six feet) of the hot water pipe and the first metre (3 feet) of the cold water pipe that extends from your hot water tank. You can also wrap an insulating blanket around your water heater.
- Drain a gallon of water from the faucet at the bottom of the water heater to remove sediment that reduces its energy-efficiency.