

In October

TASK OF THE MONTH

Be heat wise

Reduce your heating bills

Schedule, or do your own, home energy assessment to find ways to reduce waste and improve comfort.



Apply for a Duke Energy home assessment:
<https://tinyurl.com/tzshrb3p>



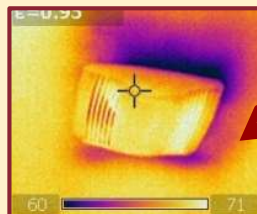
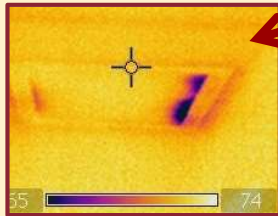
Or try a Dept. of Energy do-it-yourself assessment:
<https://tinyurl.com/ykduubbx>

Air leaks can be like leaving a window open all the time.

Fill or cover gaps with caulk, expanding foam, or rigid insulation board.

Have hard-to-find leaks?

Thermal cameras can show where air is leaking in or out.



Insert an inflatable draft stopper in your fireplace.

<https://www.batticdoor.com/product-tag/fireplace-plugs/>



Try gradually lowering your thermostat when home

Start with a 1°F change, take time to adjust, then try a 2nd degree lower, and even lower for sleep.



Adding insulating cellular shades on windows makes a noticeable difference

Where to look for leaks?

- Door and window frames.
- Electrical, gas service, cable TV and phone line entrances.
- Baseboards.
- Around wall or window air conditioners.
- Where dryer vents pass through exterior walls.
- Vents and fans.
- Attic hatches.
- Fireplace dampers.
- Electrical outlets.
- Switch plates.

Foam switch plate and outlet inserts are effective and easy to install.



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