



SPRAY FOAM INSULATION

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15 SIGNS

That You Need a Complete Home Energy Evaluation

Our Energy Specialist will ask for this and review it with you - *Thank you!*

- 1. **Drafty Rooms:** Although the problem may be your windows, don't assume that to be the case. Convective currents (or just improper installation) are usually to blame.
- 2. **Rooms Too Hot or Too Cold:** Having some rooms that are harder to heat or cool indicates problems with your insulation, ducts, or the heating and cooling system.
- 3. **Cold Floors:** This is usually a sign of problems with insulation, ducts, air leaks, and/or an improperly sized HVAC system.
- 4. **Rooms Over Garages:** A garage is not heated or air conditioned, and the rooms over them suffer unless they are separated from the garage properly.
- 5. **Dusty Rooms:** It has to be coming in from somewhere! An improperly sealed home, leaky duct, and/or an improperly balanced duct system are all potential culprits.
- 6. **Heating/Cooling System Runs Continuously or Turns On/Off Frequently:** This may indicate an overly leaky or drafty home or an oversized or under sized heating or cooling system.
- 7. **Asthma or Allergies:** Homes that are too leaky or drafty bring unwanted allergens into your home from outdoors - a sign that you may need to seal your home.
- 8. **Odd or Musty Smells:** Musty smells usually mean mold. It doesn't take high concentrations of mold to create odour; microscopic and airborne mold affects your health. Moreover, it's usually the result of energy efficiency issues as well.
- 9. **Icicles or Ice Dams:** Don't blame it on a "bad" winter - not everyone has these problems in winter. Heating the bottom of your roof "by accident" is the problem.
- 10. **Dehumidifiers or Pests:** If you have to run a humidifier or dehumidifier, or you've treated your home for pest issues, you're probably treating the symptoms and not the source.
- 11. **Cold Basement:** You can expect a basement to be cooler because it's underground, but most basements are colder than they have to be, and this makes the floors over them cold.
- 12. **Nasty Crawl Spaces:** If you have a crawl space, you need an energy evaluation for many reasons. Energy loss, mold growth, temperature imbalance, rotting wood... the list goes on and on. Simply put, there is nothing good about a musty, rotting, drafty crawl space beneath your home.
- 13. **Paint Peeling or Blistering:** This relates to the relative humidity in your home. If your home has excessive dryness or humidity; it's a sign of larger issues.
- 14. **Dirty Around Registers:** This is an indication that condensation is occurring and collecting dirt. This is a good clue that other problems also exist such as duct leaks and air leaks in your home.
- 15. **High Fuel/Electric Bills:** If you are experiencing high energy bills, making specific repairs to your home will save you money and make your home more comfortable and efficient.