

# Typical Weatherization Measures

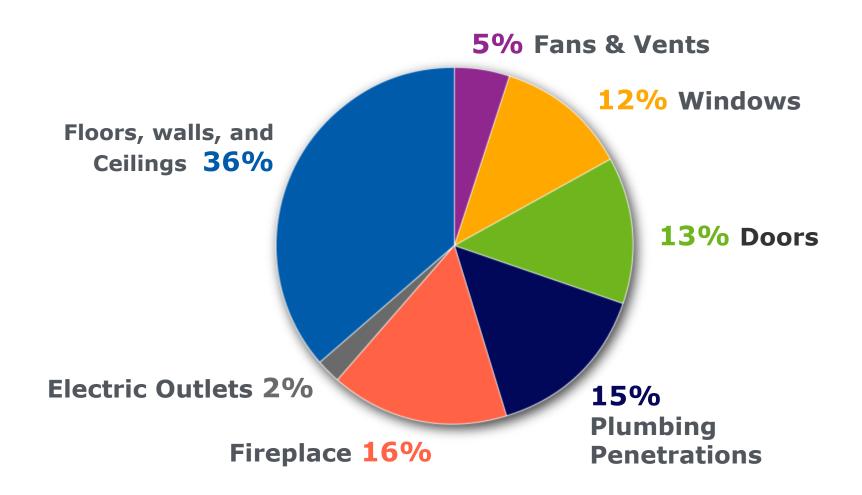
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# Air Sealing and Attic Prep

#### Primary Air Infiltration Sites





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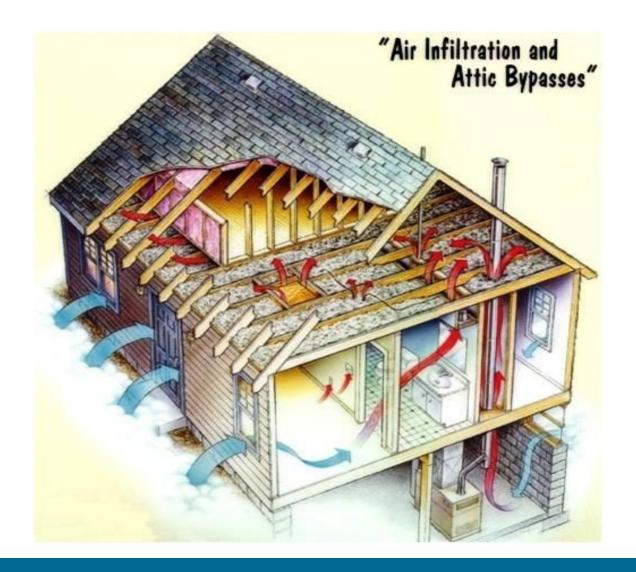
# Common Tools for Attic Prep & Air Sealing







- 1. Urethane foam (spray foam)
- 2. Foam board
- 3. Sheet metal/foil
- 4. Mastic and gloves
- 5. High-temperature caulk
- 6. Utility flags
- 7. Insulation rulers
- 8. Tin snips and zip ties
- 9. Stapler
- 10. Weatherstripping
- 11. Zip tie tightening tool
- 12. Utility knife



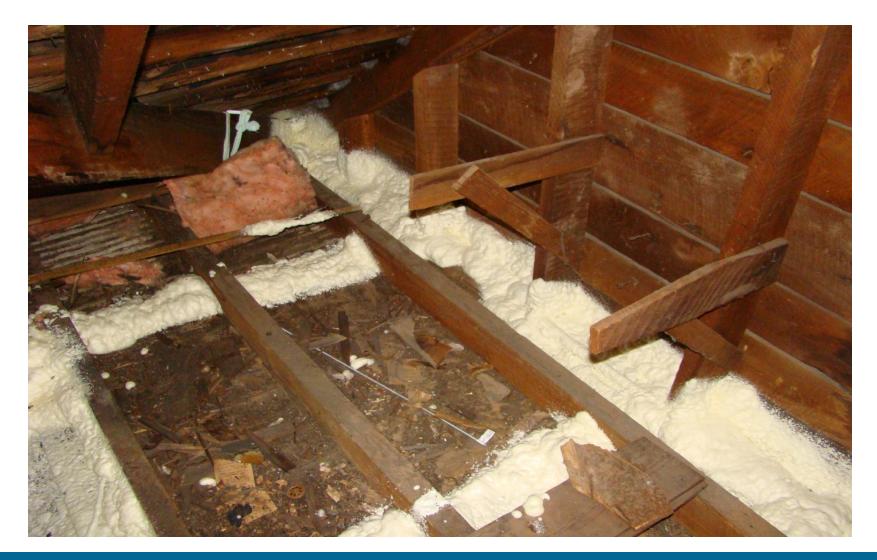
# Attic Prep (Seal bypass)



# Attic Prep



#### Air Sealed attic



## High Temperature Issues



#### **Recessed Light Fixtures**



#### **Flues**



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#### Attic not air sealed!



## Air sealing

Yes, air sealing may require repairing damaged drywall.





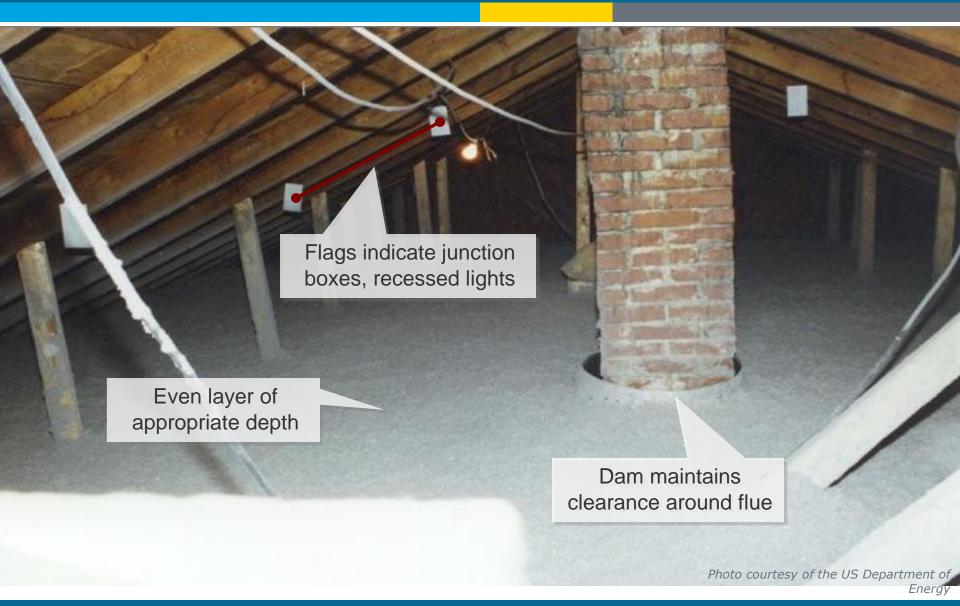
# Air sealing Weather stripping





# **Attic Insulation**

## Properly Insulated Attic





# Dense-Pack Sidewall Insulation

#### **Proper Density**



- Check material-to-Volume ratio:
  - One 30 lb. bag should almost fill 3 8' cavities with 2x4 16" O.C. framing.
- Proper density should be approximately 3.5 pounds per cubic foot

## Dense packing sidewalls



# Trouble-Shooting or Shooting Trouble?

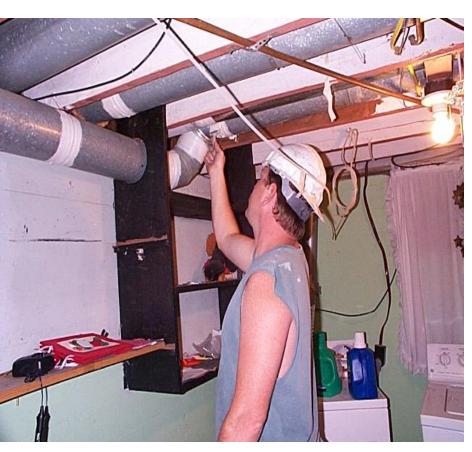
Adding insulation to sidewalls is more than just blowing insulation in a hole





# Duct Sealing/Repair

## **Duct Sealing**



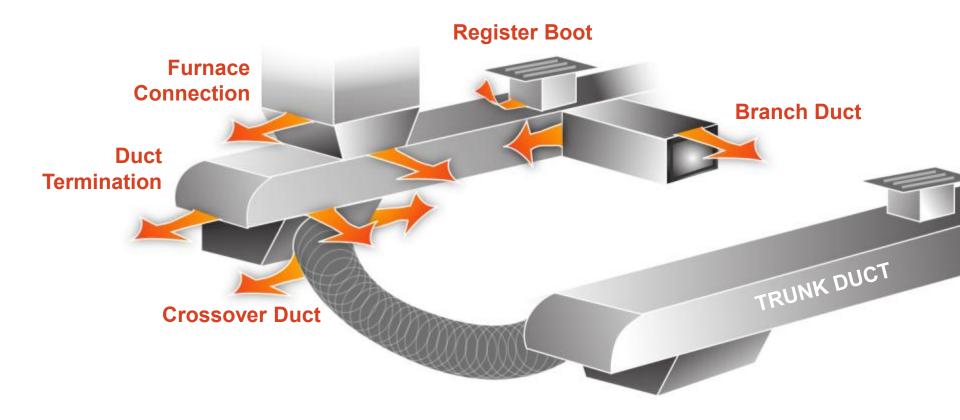
**Seal leaking Joints** 



Repair any holes



#### **Typical Air Leakage Locations**



#### Pressure Pan Testing



 Pressure panning is sometimes used to determine how much the distribution system is leaking



# Basements and Crawl Spaces

#### **Basement Retrofit Options**



#### **Unconditioned Basements**

- Air seal all air pathways between the basement and house.
- Seal all return and supply ducts.
- Insulate all duct work to the recommended R-value.
- Insulate open floor joists to the recommended R-value with fiberglass batt insulation. Be sure to fit insulation batts tightly to the bottom of the sub-floor and attach them with wire supports.
- Insulate enclosed floor cavities with dense-pack insulation.
- Pressure pan measurements on duct registers should read close to 0 Pa.







#### **Basement Retrofit Options**



#### **Conditioned Basements**

- Air seal perimeter mud sill, band joist and all air pathways between the basement and the house.
- Seal return plenum and all return ducts for safety.
- Seal major leaks in supply ducts by mechanically reconnecting boots to register transitions.
- Insulate band joist area to recommended R-Value.
- Consider insulating basement walls.
- Use ZPD to verify that the conditioned crawl space with reference to the house is close to 0 Pa.

# Foaming the Band Joist









# **Heating System**

## Heating System Replacement





#### Heat pump Heating

This type of system will also provide air conditioning



## Programmable Thermostat





#### **Baseload Measures**



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# Lighting





## Refrigerator Replacement



Some Energy Star Refrigerators use as little as 355 kWh



# Window Replacement



# Thank you!