

# THE PATH TO SEALING YOUR HOME

The average U.S. home has a ½ mile of gaps and cracks<sup>1</sup> – which can let in bugs, pests, water and allergens. These issues can be solved easily but when **many consumers don't recognize insulating foam sealants as a solution for air sealing**, it is clear homeowners could use a primer on air sealing their homes.

## KNOW THY AIR SEALANT

The insulating foam sealant, an expanding spray polyurethane foam, offers insulating, air sealing and adhering properties. Insulating foam sealant can quickly treat many air leaks that generally are small sized.

**Extra Tip:** If your home is properly insulated and air sealed, it could save you up to 30% on your heating and cooling bills.<sup>2,3</sup>

## IDENTIFY YOUR PROJECT

Instead of filling a gap or crack piecemeal, it pays to identify all of the air sealing trouble spots upfront by inspecting the entire house.

**Extra Tip:** Planning your project in advance will allow you to use a can of GREAT STUFF™ Insulating Foam Sealant efficiently.



## START AT THE TOP

In the attic, check the attic hatch, around electrical and cable lines, plumbing shafts and gas lines. Even look for dirty insulation that can indicate air flow.

**Extra Tip:** While attics are like a superhighway for unwanted air to enter and wander freely, pests and critters travel these roads too and can be blocked with GREAT STUFF™ Pestblock Insulating Foam Sealant.



## WHERE YOU KICK BACK

In your living space, the obvious culprits include window and door frames, around the perimeter of electrical outlets (not inside the box), under baseboards, gas line and plumbing penetrations, air/heating vents and around the perimeter of covered wire and electrical conduit penetrations on exterior walls.



## UNDER THE RADAR

Openings made for threading wires through wall studs also leave lots of room for air to travel through a home.

**Extra Tip:** In a fire, this air movement can help fuel the spread of smoke and flames. However, a fireblock-rated insulating foam sealant seals the penetration to impede the spread of smoke and flames.



## DON'T FORGET THE BASEMENT

In the basement, check the rim joist, floor wall junction, around gas lines, HVAC duct and PVC pipe penetrations, window and door frames without trim, cable TV lines and around the perimeter of wire and conduit penetrations from the exterior of the house.



## CLEAN & GREEN

Once you have addressed the problem areas listed above, it's time to clean up and dispose of empty can(s) properly. Empty cans can be recycled and non-empty cans should be handled according to your local regulations.



## MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

Consumers think gap & crack sealing is a big undertaking, but solutions like GREAT STUFF™ Insulating Foam Sealants can help get the job done with no prior renovation experience required.

**Extra Tip:** Still need some recommendations from the Pros? Look into hiring a contractor who can get the job done efficiently.



<sup>1</sup> www.energystar.gov

<sup>2</sup> Savings will vary.

<sup>3</sup> Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET)

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