

How to stop draughts

Draughts happen when there are gaps in your home that cold air can get in or warm air get out. Stopping draughts will make your home easier to heat.

How to find draughts?

Look for gaps around windows or doors, in floorboards, holes in walls, ceilings or floors, loose cat flaps, or open chimneys.

Hold a piece of tissue close to the gap. If it flutters, air is getting in.

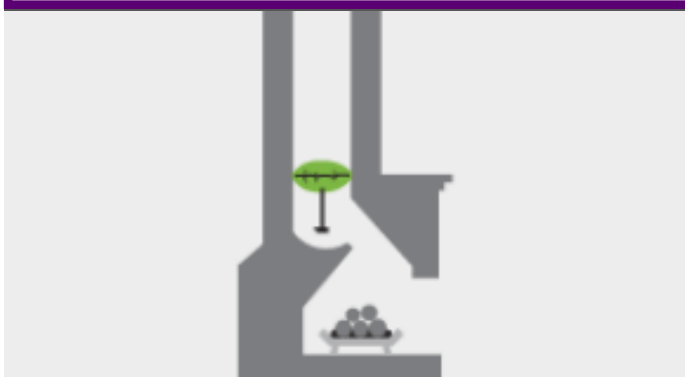
Draught-stopping solutions

Try a door sausage along the bottom of doors. You can buy one or stuff a stocking or sock with newspaper.



Buy adhesive foam strips or v-seal to go around doors and windows - you can get these at hardware stores, like Bunnings or Mitre 10. Clean and dry the surface first. Follow the instructions.

Use rugs to cover gaps in floorboards or try gap filler. If you own your home, you can use gap filler around gaps between floorboards, skirting boards and walls. If you rent, ask your landlord to do this.



Board off unused fireplaces or block a chimney with plastic bags filled with crumpled newspapers. Sometimes these are sold as chimney balloons. Include a string so you can pull it out again. Make sure you remove it when you start using your fire again!