

15 SIGNS That Your Home Has Comfort and Energy Loss Problems

Please review this list and check what you find in your house before our appointment.

- 1. Drafty Rooms:** Although the problem may be your windows, don't assume that to be the case. Convective currents (or just improper installation) and other air leaks 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 ("HVAC system").
- 3. Cold Floors:** This is usually a sign of problems with insulation, air leaks, and/or HVAC system problems.
- 4. Rooms Over Garages or Cantilevers:** 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 ducts, 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 over sized 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 your home may need air sealing.
- 8. Odd or Musty Smells:** Musty smells usually mean mold and microscopic airborne spores affects your health. Moreover, it's usually the result of energy efficiency issues as well.
- 9. Portable Heaters or Cooling Fans:** These appliances are expensive to operate, present safety hazards, and often are the symptom of construction or HVAC system issues that are easily resolved.
- 10. Dehumidifiers or Insects:** 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:** There is nothing good about a musty, rotting, drafty crawl space beneath your home. Energy loss, mold growth, temperature imbalance, rotting wood... the list goes on and on.
- 13. Paint Peeling or Blistering:** If your home has excessive dryness or humidity; it's a sign of larger issues. Even paint peeling outside can be a result of humidity inside moving outward.
- 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.
- Bonus - Ice Damming:** If snow melts on your roof and refreezes at the gutter, it's a sure sign that heat that you paid for is leaking out of your home and making you uncomfortable.

WE FIX UNCOMFORTABLE HOMES!



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