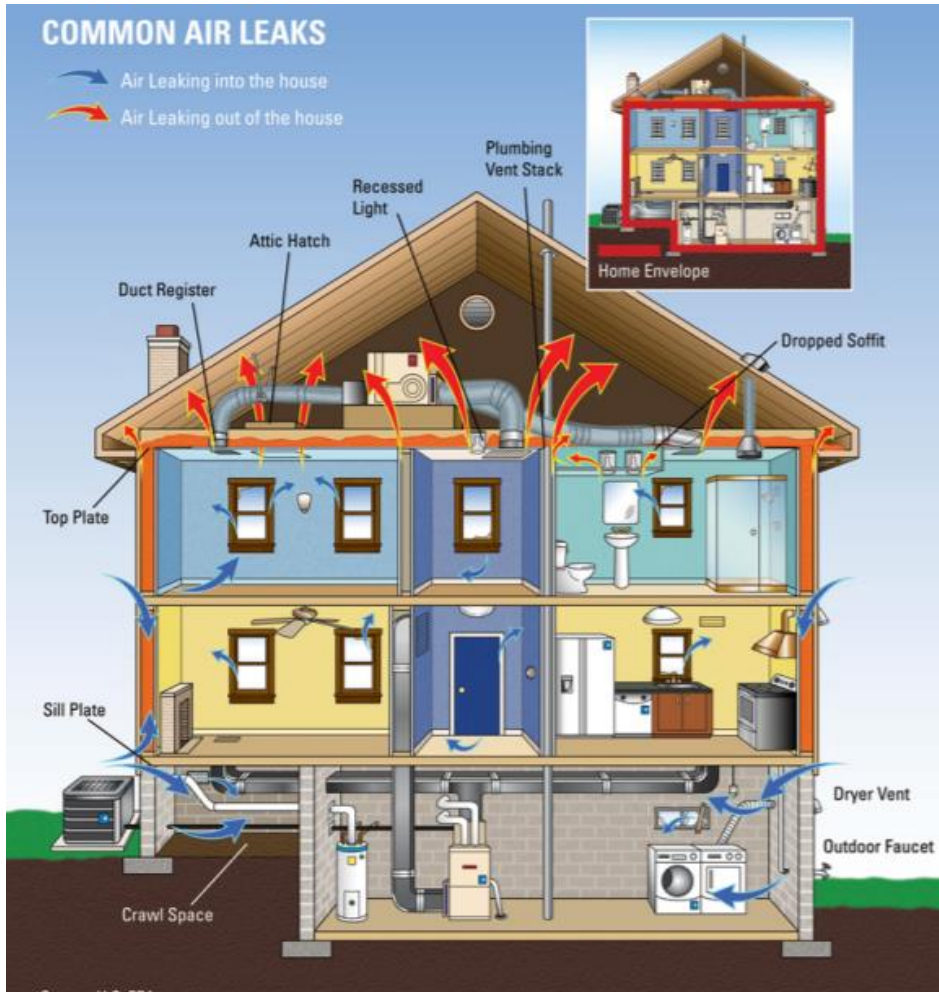




~~HOLED~~ THE HEAT IN SEPTEMBER ENERGY ACTION SHEET

This month's projected annual savings: 2.5% of energy use

This month, find and plug the leaks in the insulated part of your home. Sealing air leaks is an easy way to steeply reduce energy use. **For every \$1000 an average household spends on heating and cooling, 15% to 25% is wasted due to air leaks.** If you rent your home, you could offer to do the work if your landlord will pay for the supplies.



References available upon request from CreationCarePartners@gmail.com. This info sheet employs the Task of the Month concept developed by Dr. Stephanie Kimball for Earth Care, an affiliate of Hoosier Interfaith Power & Light.

HOW TO FIND AND PLUG AIR LEAKS

Check from inside... On a windy day or after turning on your exhaust fans, [use a lit candle or smoke from a stick of incense](#). Check around doors, windows, baseboard heaters and AC units; where walls meet floors or ceilings; where pipes, vents, fans and any type of line enters the crawlspace or rooms; and where you see dark spots.

...and from outside. Walk around the outside of your home. Look for holes, seams, and cracks, especially around windows; AC units; and pipes, vents, fans, and electrical, gas, phone, cable and other lines enter the building. Mark gaps with chalk.

THE PROBLEM	THE SOLUTION
<p style="text-align: center;">GAPS (48% of leaks)</p> <p>Less than ¼ inch wide</p> <p>More than ¼ inch wide and behind baseboard heaters</p>	<p>Caulk with a caulking gun and silicone or acrylic-silicone blend caulk.</p> <p>Wide gaps and gaps behind baseboard heaters require spray foam - which is messy. Unless you have experience with it or the result won't be visible, get help.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">LEAKY WINDOWS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AND DOORS (21% of leaks)</p> <p>The bottom</p> <p>The rest</p>	<p>Install weather stripping and rope caulk, a plastic barrier and / or a simple indoor shutter.</p> <p>Install a door sweep. Bring the old sweep to the store to get a similar replacement. Or hire a professional to replace it for you.</p> <p>Install weather stripping.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">FIREPLACE (14% of leaks)</p>	<p>Make a chimney plug using a garbage bag and insulation or buy one.</p>

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Centerpoint / Vectren: Must qualify. [Click](#) or call (866) 240-8476

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IPL (AES): [Click](#) or call (866) 908-4915

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NIPSCO: [Click](#) or call (800) 721-738



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