

# PREPARE FOR WINTER: KEEP YOUR HOUSE WARM

## Insulation

- Use an **inexpensive kit** (around \$6 per standard size window) to stick insulation film to the frames of wooden windows. It acts like double glazing.
- **Retrofit insulation** in your ceilings, walls and floor.
- Upgrade your joineries to **double glaze**.

## Reduce draughts

- Check your doors and windows and **fix air leaks** (latches, rubber seals, etc).
- Fit draught excluders or **door snakes** along the bottom of your doors.

## Curtains

- Open your curtains during the day and close them before dark.
- Use **thermal curtains** (double-layered with a thick lining) that:
  - touch the floor
  - are wider than the window frame
  - fit tightly against the wall and window frame
  - have a pelmet above curtains to add insulation



## Heating systems

- Get **professional advice** when it comes to choosing a new heating system to:
  - Choose a heater that uses **renewable energies** (wood, wood pellets, electricity).
  - Choose an **efficient model** that meets your needs.
- Follow **maintenance** advices for your heaters.
- Burn **dry wood** (15-20 per cent moisture content) to increase efficiency and save money.

## Useful links for grants and more information

Grant for insulation and/or heating systems: <https://tools.eeca.govt.nz/warmer-kiwi-homes-tool/>

Homefit Online check: <https://tools.genless.govt.nz/individuals/homefit-online-check/>