

Home & Energy...

**Phil's
Basement**



Trim your energy bill

Get rid of the little drafts

My wife Em and I always say we never need a calendar to tell the time of the year.

That's because we have a couple of teenagers — twins, mind you — and a crusty old tomcat called Guildwood who tell us everything we need to know.

For example, Guildwood has begun his annual trek around the house looking for all the warm spots. Kyle and Belinda, on the other hand, claim they still have lots of money from their summer jobs, but they're getting a little worried about Christmas presents. So hey — it must be October.

The air is getting crisp and the nights are cool.

If you're like me and Em, you care about a buck or two, so this fall we're going to start making our place a little more energy-efficient, if you know what I mean.

Get rid of some of those little drafts. From what I've been reading lately, there are lots of easy ways to save energy in small ways around your house that make your home more comfortable season-round, and also trim a bit from your energy bill. And like I said to Em, who wants to pay for heat that nobody uses?

So, my friend, this is where caulking and weather-

stripping comes in. In fact, caulking and weatherstripping are perfect do-it-yourself jobs because they're easy to do and you don't need a lot of special tools. Best of all, you can do it a little at a time.

When you get yourself down to the hardware store, just look for the "Power Smart" logo - that means you're buying something that's going to help you make your house more energy-efficient. In fact, October is "Power Smart Month," and you'll find a lot of this stuff is on sale.

Anyway, did you know that if you put together all the leaks and cracks in a typical Canadian home, you'd end up with a hole in the wall the size of a window? Think about that on a cold January day! In fact, I've got a little booklet here that also says a good caulking and weather-stripping job can cut up to one-quarter from the heating bill of a house — not to mention make it that much more darned comfortable to watch the hockey game!

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