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## Cottage closing time Winterize your summer home

"Maximize the seasonal use of your cabin or cottage by adding insulation," recommends Mike Macey, Insulation Expert, Owens Corning.

"Insulation provides the same benefits for cottages as it does for homes—it helps reduce energy costs and regulates indoor temperature. Extend the cottage season by upgrading your insulation to create a more comfortable environment year-round."

As kids return to school and the warm days of summer come to an end, many Canadians are preparing their cottages for their winter hibernation. Before locking up the cottage, consider undertaking simple renovations like adding insulation to make the most of next year's cottage season. The following are some simple suggestions for cottage insulation renovations:

### Upgrade Insulation

Add insulation to the walls, ceiling or to the attic or loft—just like homes, cottages can lose a significant amount of energy through the roof.

Adding batts of PINK FIBERGLAS insulation is an easy and cost-effective way to reduce your heating costs. The insulation can also help make your cottage more comfortable during the summer by keeping the

cottage cooler. Select R-40 or two layers of R-20 batts for best results in the attic. Remember, the higher the R-value, the greater the insulating power.

### Prevent cold feet

Cold cottage floors are just as unpleasant as they are at home. What's more, they can rob your cottage of much of its energy. Floors that are directly above a vented, unheated space should be well insulated by filling up the joist spaces and sealed against air leakage by stapling an air barrier housewrap to the under side of the floor joists and sealing edges and joints using red contractor tape.

### Enjoy the peace of nature

Many Canadians see their cabin or cottage as a haven from the noise of the city. Make sure you get your peace and quiet with QuietZone Acoustical batts—tucked between interior walls, they are ideal for muffling sounds from bathrooms, clothes washer and drier, and between bedrooms and family areas. Using resilient channels on studs behind gypsum board interior finishes on the noisy side of the assembly makes even higher performance walls or ceiling.

For more information on the benefits of insulation, call Owens Corning at 1-800-GET-PINK or visit [www.owenscorning.ca](http://www.owenscorning.ca).

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