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Stay green as leaves turn golden – insulate!

(NC)—Your home's energy consumption contributes to global warming. "You have the power to minimize that damage by investing in a few energy-saving home improvement projects – you can reduce the amount of pollution and greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere by reducing your home's energy consumption," says John Peterson, Insulation Expert, Owens Corning. "Improving your home's insulation system is one of the fastest and most cost-effective ways to do just that." As the cold weather approaches, choose greener ways of living.

- Insulate your attic where 8 to 20 per cent of your home's energy is lost. In colder months, insulation keeps heated air from escaping outside. Use fiberglass batt insulation like PINK® Fiber Glass Insulation for Attics for best results.

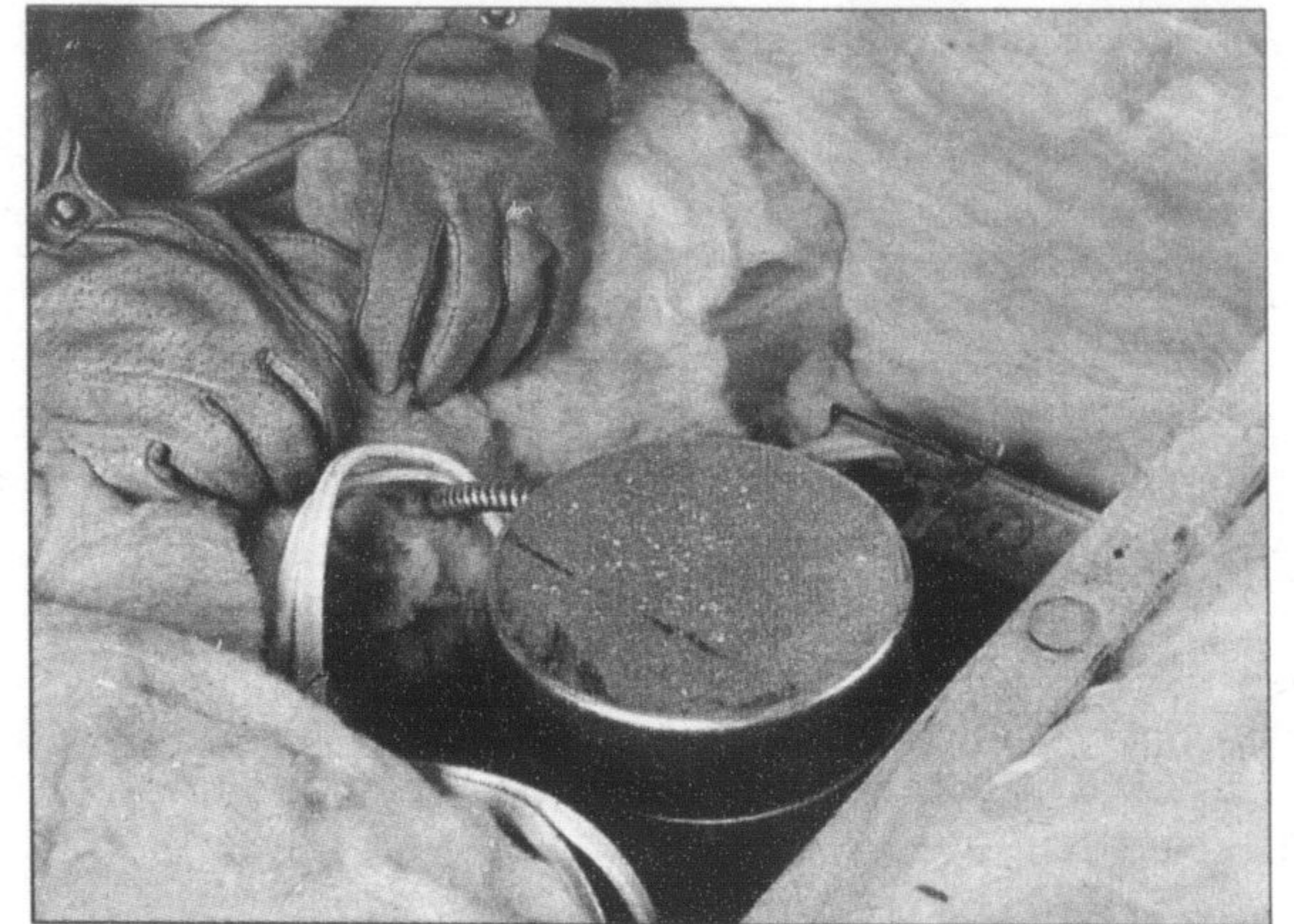
- Insulate around pipes and ducts. Multipurpose insulation is perfect for the job, conveniently packaged in small quantities.

- Check your water heater. Water heating costs typically account for about 10 to 20 per cent of your total utility bill. An old water heater that is

warm to the touch is made more efficient by installing a special faced insulation blanket around the tank (and following precautions on its package).

- Replace old windows, or add a second layer of glazing, to help minimize air leakage and reduce fuel costs by up to 15 per cent. To minimize drafts, wrap vapour retarder around strips of insulation and install with construction tape in large cracks (or seal cracks with a foam sealant) around windows.

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