

Winterize your home to save money

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Mention winterizing a house to most homeowners and the knee jerk responses are bound to begin flying: Time consuming, expensive, unnecessary.

Tackling the last comment first, it's true that energy takes a smaller bite out of most homeowners' budgets than it used to. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, energy now accounts for about 5 percent of disposable income, down from a high of 8 percent in the 1960s.

And a homeowner's energy bill could be even less.

"Very few houses these days are as energy-efficient as they could be," says TV home improvement expert Danny Lipford.

Nor does making your home as energy smart as possible mandate blocking out weeks free time or a carte blanche budget. Buttoning up your home for the winter can be relatively quick and inexpensive if you know where to put both your efforts and cash to the best use.

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