



### **Remove the Air Conditioner in the Winter**

A window unit air conditioner is convenient for the warm months, but not so great for the cool. It's best to remove the air conditioner completely during the winter months. If you can't remove the unit, use weatherstripping and an insulated air conditioner cover to limit the air leaks.

### **Add Underpinning**

Another consideration is the underpinning around the home. If it is not already in place, adding this is an effective way to retain heat, while also shielding the underside of the home from frosty winds. Underpinning also helps to keep small animals from getting under your home a damaging your duct work.

### **Roof Maintenance**

If you have a leak on a flat mobile home roof, you need to fix it as quickly as possible. Reseal or recoat it regularly. Use the right coating for your roof. Make sure your flashing is in good condition and there are no soft spots or cracked caulking.

### **Seal Heating Ducts**

The most recommended method of reducing energy consumption is to seal air leaks in the heating ducts under the home. Check the area underneath the furnace for loose ducts or joints and use acrylic mastic tape or metal Duct Tape if possible as traditional gray fabric tape can come loose.

### **Use Your Windows Wisely**

In the winter, open any curtains/blinds on the windows on the sunny side of your house during the day to allow sunlight to help naturally heat your home. During the summer, keep curtains/blinds closed to block unwanted heat gain.

### **Heating System Maintenance**

It's recommended that everyone have their furnace or heating units regularly maintained and cleaned by a professional. Clean or replace the furnace filters often. Vacuum the vent ducts and install a programmable thermostat so you can schedule the unit for lower temperatures while you are away.