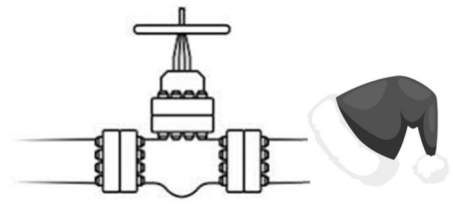


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More Insulation = More Savings + Comfort

Nine out of 10 homes in the United States are poorly sealed and under-insulated, wasting energy and money. Prepare now for the cold winter ahead by checking your home's attic insulation. Adding insulation is one important way to **Rule Your Attic!** Plus, Raton Natural Gas Company residential customers may be eligible for rebates that make adding insulation more affordable.

By properly sealing and insulating your attic you can:

- **Increase comfort.** Insulation helps keep heat in during the winter and warm air out in the summer, so you stay comfortable in every season.
- **Reduce heating and cooling costs.** By adding insulation, you may save up to 20 percent on home heating and cooling costs, according to www.energystar.gov.

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TIPS FOR SEALING AIR LEAKS — Energy Saver

- Caulk and weatherstrip doors and windows that leak air.
- Caulk and seal air leaks where plumbing, ducting, or electrical wiring comes through walls, floors, ceilings, and soffits over cabinets.
- Install foam gaskets behind outlet and switch plates on walls.
- Inspect dirty spots on any visual insulation for air leaks and mold. Seal leaks with low-expansion spray foam made for this purpose and install house flashing if needed.
- Look for dirty spots on your ceiling paint and carpet, which may indicate air leaks at interior wall/ceiling joints and wall/floor joists, and caulk them.
- Replace single-pane windows with more efficient double-pane low-emissivity windows. See the Windows section for more information.
- Use foam sealant on larger gaps around windows, baseboards, and other places where air may leak out.
- Check your dryer vent to be sure it is not blocked. This will save energy and may prevent a fire.
- Replace exterior door bottoms and thresholds with ones that have pliable sealing gaskets.
- Keep the fireplace flue damper tightly closed when not in use.
- Seal air leaks around fireplace chimneys, furnaces, and gas-fired water heater vents with fire-resistant materials such as sheet metal or sheetrock and furnace cement caulk.

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IF YOU SMELL GAS...

SAFETY

Did you know that while natural gas is safe to use in your home, a **gas leak could be dangerous?**

The RNG natural gas is odorized. RNG delivers odorized natural gas in pipelines ranging in size from 1" to 6". You can recognize a natural gas leak in several ways, including an unusual hissing noise, blowing dirt for no apparent reason, an unusual dry spot in the ground or dead vegetation for no apparent reason, bubbling water, and frozen ground in warm weather.

If you ever smell natural gas inside or outside your home, leave the area immediately! Then from a safe distance, call 911 and then call Raton Natural Gas Company at 575.447.0088.

RNG is available 24 hours a day every day of the year at 575.447.0088. We'll investigate and let you know when it's safe to return.

The Raton Natural Gas Office will be closed Monday, 12/26/22 and Monday 1/02/23 -



More Insulation Continued...

- **Improve performance.** R-values measure how well your insulation can resist heat passing through it. The higher R-value, the better the insulating performance and savings potential.
- **Get rebates.** RNG offers rebates that can help cover some of the costs. Visit our website to learn more about current rebate programs.



TIPS FOR SEALING AIR LEAKS Continued...

Fireplace flues are made from metal, and over time repeated heating and cooling can cause the metal to warp or break, creating a channel for air loss. To seal your flue when not in use, consider an inflatable chimney balloon. Inflatable chimney balloons fit beneath your fireplace flue when not in use, are made from durable plastic, and can be removed easily and reused hundreds of times. If you forget to remove the balloon before making a fire, the balloon will automatically deflate within seconds of coming into contact with heat. A reasonably capable do-it-yourselfer can create an inexpensive, reusable fireplace flue plug by filling a plastic trash bag with fiberglass batt scraps and jamming it into the flue. Attach a durable cord with a tag that hangs down into the fireplace to (1) remind you the flue is blocked and (2) provide an easy plug removal method. If you want to save money on fireplaces, replace them with an EPA-certified insert, installed by a certified professional. *From: energy.gov*

Community Calendar

From: KRTNRADIO.com

January 2023

Shades of the Southwest Regional Youth Art Show— January 13, 2023 @ 4:00—6:00 pm



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