

A photograph of a house with a large tree in the foreground and an American flag on the porch. The text is overlaid on the image.

GREEN TIPS: 10 WAYS TO WINTERIZE YOUR HOME

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CHECK YOUR FURNANCE

As colder weather approaches, make sure your furnace is in top working order by having it professionally cleaned and tuned-up.

Also change or clean your filters regularly.



BLOCK THOSE LEAKS

On a breezy day, check for drafts at window and door frames and electrical switches and outlets on outside walls with a lit incense stick or candle. Use caulk, weather stripping, outlet gaskets and door sweeps to seal leaks.



BATTEN DOWN THE HATCHES

To prepare for windy weather, repair any loose shingles, shakes or siding before it becomes a bigger problem. Also trim dead tree branches.



BOOST YOUR INSULATION

If you can see the top of your ceiling joists in your attic, then adding another layer of unfaced insulation can really keep in the heat and save you money.



CLEAN THOSE GUTTERS

Keep your gutters clear of leaves and debris to prevent water damage to your home.



FACE YOUR WINDOWS

If you have older single-pane windows, it's time to put up the storm windows.

If your windows are really drafty, you might want to consider replacing them a few at a time.



ADOPT A STORM CATCH BASIN

To prevent potential flooding on your property and water damage to your home, keep your neighborhood storm catch basins free of debris.



INSULATE YOUR WATER HEATER

Adding a blanket of insulation kit to your electric water heater will help to retain its heat saving you money.



WRAP THOSE PIPES

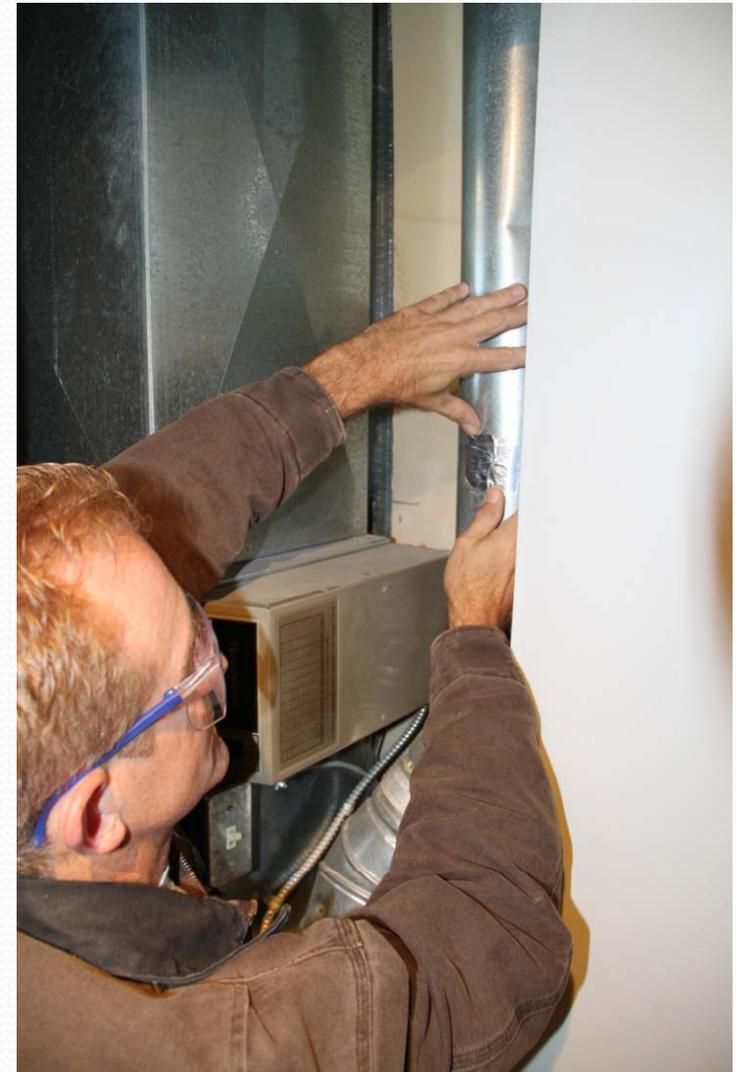
Adding pipe insulation to any water supply pipes in cold attics and crawl spaces will help prevent heat loss and costly water damage repairs from bursting frozen pipes.



GET YOUR DUCTS IN ORDER

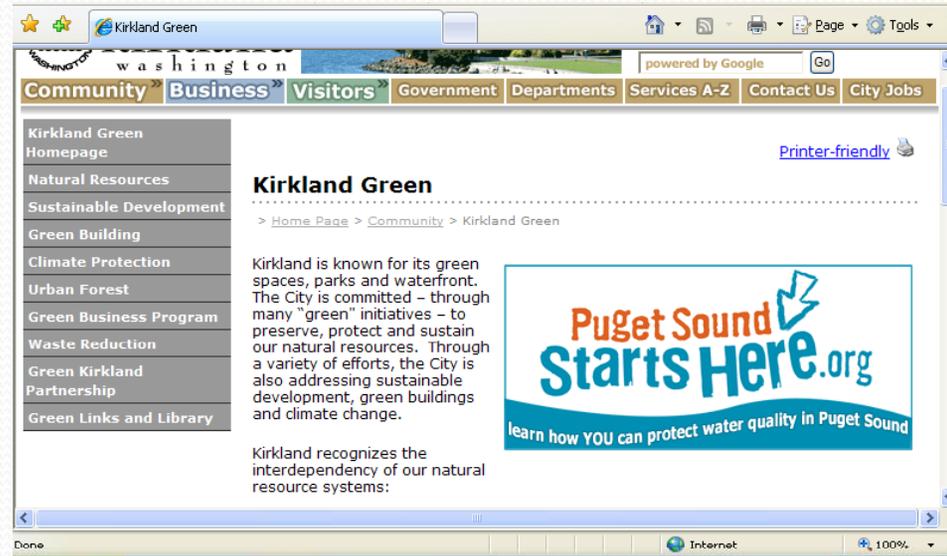
Seal up leaks in your ductwork in cold attics, crawl spaces and garages.

Consider having your ducts professionally cleaned.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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