

# How to stop draughts

Draughts happen when there are gaps in your home that cold air can get in or warm air get out. Stopping draughts will make your home easier and cheaper to heat.

## How to find draughts?

Look for gaps around windows or doors, in floorboards, holes in walls, ceilings or floors, loose cat flaps, or open chimneys.

Hold a piece of tissue close to the gap. If it flutters, this will be a source of heat loss.

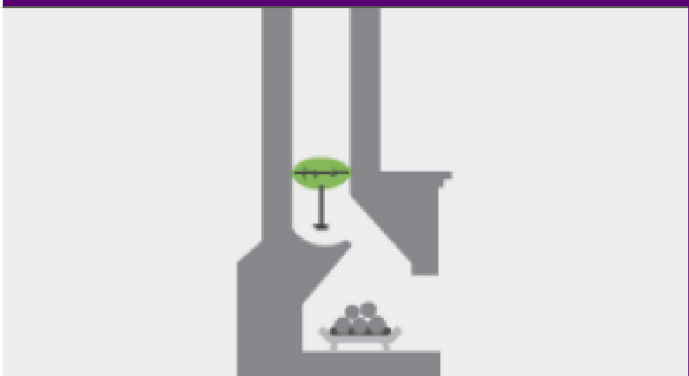
### Draught-stopping solutions

Try a door sausage along the bottom of doors. You can buy one or stuff a stocking or sock with newspaper.



Buy v-seal to go around doors and windows -you can get these at hardware stores, like Bunnings or Mitre 10. Clean and dry the surface first. Follow the instructions.

Use rugs to cover gaps in floor boards or try gap filler. If you own your home, you can use gap filler around gaps between floorboards, skirting boards and walls. If you rent, ask you landlord to do this.



Board off unused fireplaces and block a chimney with plastic bags filled with scrunched newspapers. Sometimes these are sold as chimney balloons. Include a string so you can pull it out again. Make sure you remove it when you start using your fire again!