DIY Draft Proofing Checklist

Stop the drafts, be more comfortable, save money





How to use this Checklist

This checklist has been created to help you find and fix the drafts in your home. The list is zoned into the various areas of a home to make it as easy as possible to identify where to look.

First – Work through the list and seal the obvious gaps – You'll need this checklist and a pen. Work through this list checking off what you find needs draft proofing, then check it off when fixed! When you have fixed all the obvious gaps...

Second – Depressurise the home by closing all doors and windows, and turn off any heating and cooling systems. You'll need a notepad, pen and incense stick. Turn on all externally vented exhaust fans and the kitchen range hood. Choose a windy day if you can. Then light the incense stick and use it to find air movement where smoke is blown back into the home as this signifies an air leak. Note the location and seal it after checking all areas of the home.

Draft proofing checklist	FOUND	Drafts FIXED
General – Might be difficult to check this but if you can		
 Ducting – check for gaps around the return vent, insulation and joins 		
Kitchen		
Doors and windows between architrave frame and wall		
Doors and window between door/window and architrave		
Gaps between floorboards, walls and skirting		
> Cracks in walls or ceiling		
Gaps around power points and where services go through walls		
Gaps/leaks around skylights		
Exhaust fans (should be closed when not in use)		
Heating/cooling vents (particularly evaporative cooling vents)		
Fixed open vents (wall or ceiling)		
> Down lights		
Family / Living / Lounge Rooms		
Doors and windows between architrave frame and wall		
Doors and window between door/window and architrave		
 Gaps between floorboards, walls and skirting 		
Cracks in walls or ceiling		
Gaps around power points and where services go through walls		
Gaps/leaks around skylights		
Exhaust fans (should be closed when not in use)		
Heating/cooling vents (particularly evaporative cooling vents)		
Fixed open vents (wall or ceiling)		
> Down lights		
Pet doors		
> Chimneys		
Laundry		
Doors and windows between architrave frame and wall		
Doors and window between door/window and architrave		
Gaps between floorboards, walls and skirting		
> Cracks in walls or ceiling		
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A	Gaps around power points and where services go through walls		
>	Gaps/leaks around skylights		
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>	Fixed open vents (wall or ceiling)		
>	Down lights		
>	Pet doors		
>	Loft / roof space entrance		
Bathro	oms & Toilets		
>	Doors and windows between architrave frame and wall		
>	Doors and window between door/window and architrave		
>	Gaps between floorboards, walls and skirting		
>	Cracks in walls or ceiling		
>	Gaps around power points and where services go through walls		
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>			
>	Fixed open vents (wall or ceiling)		
>	Down lights		
Bedro	oms		
>	Doors and windows between architrave frame and wall		
A	Doors and window between door/window and architrave		
~	Gaps between floorboards, walls and skirting		
~	Cracks in walls or ceiling		
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>	Chimneys		
Outs	ide checklist		
Garage	e / Carport		
>	Gaps around the door between garage and house		
>	Gaps under garage door		
>	Gaps around other doors/windows in the garage area		
Outsid	e services		
>	Gaps and cracks where plumbing and services come through walls		



There are seals for just about everything at most hardware stores. Choose the right one for the situation.

Be more comfortable, save money on heating and cooling and fill those gaps