

# PUCN Connection

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## DIY Weatherization to Save Energy

A typical American family spends nearly \$2,000 per year on their home energy bills. Much of that money, however, is wasted through leaky windows or ducts, old appliances, or inefficient heating and cooling systems.

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Saver Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Savings Projects offer easy, step-by-step instructions to home energy efficiency improvements that will save you energy and money. Explore the DIY projects below, and start saving today!

- **Using Caulk to Seal Air Ducts**

Step-by-step guide to sealing air leaks with caulk.

<https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/do-it-yourself-savings-project-using-caulk-seal-air-ducts>

- **Weatherstrip Double-Hung (or Sash) Windows**

Step-by-step guide to air sealing windows and doors with weatherstripping.

<https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/do-it-yourself-savings-project-weatherstrip-double-hung-or-sash-windows>

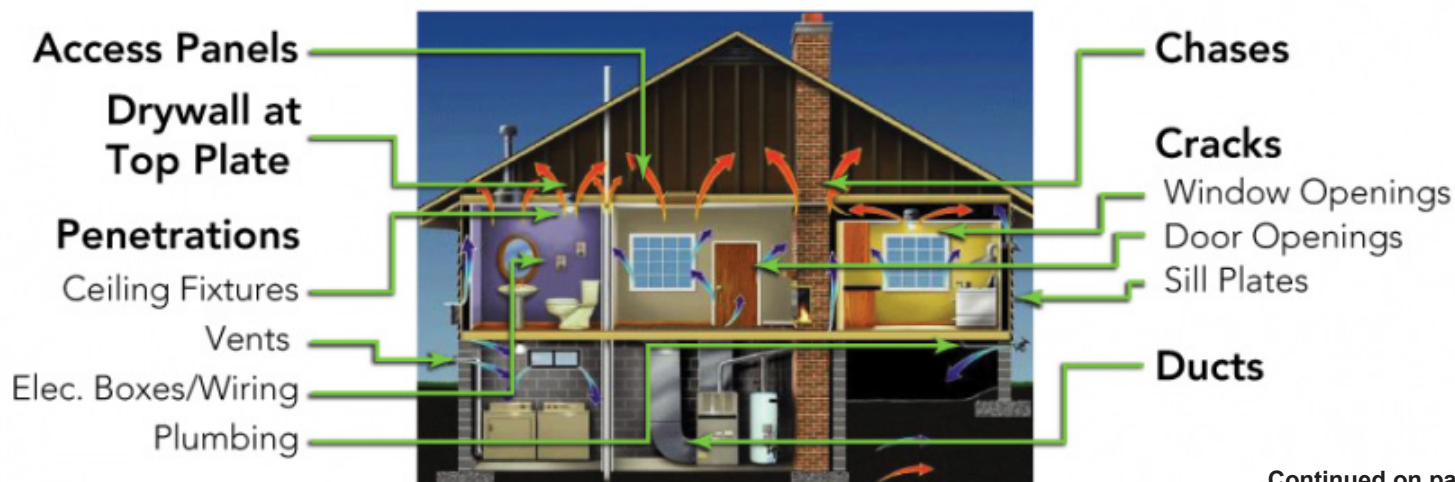
- **Insulate and Air Seal Floors Over Unconditioned Garages**

Steps for installing continuous air and thermal barriers to the floor over an unconditioned garage.

<https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/do-it-yourself-savings-project-insulate-and-air-seal-floors-over-unconditioned-garages>



The illustration below shows common places in your home where air leaks occur. According to the DOE, sealing air leaks with weatherstripping, for an overall cost of about \$5 - \$10 and an hour to complete, could save between 5 - 10% on energy bills.



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### • **Attic Stairs Cover Box**

Build your own attic stairs cover box to improve comfort and save energy and money.

<https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/do-it-yourself-savings-project-attic-stairs-cover-box>

### • **Install Exterior Storm Windows with Low-E Coating**

Steps for installing exterior storm windows to reduce heat loss through windows.

<https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/do-it-yourself-savings-project-install-exterior-storm-windows-low-e-coating>

## NV Energy: Free In-Home Energy Assessment

If you'd like to learn about how you're using energy in your home and ways to save money on your electric or gas bill, schedule a home energy assessment with NV Energy. An energy advisor will:

- Evaluate your lighting, caulking around windows and doors, and insulation levels of walls and ceilings.
- Inspect your heater and air conditioner, and the age of your appliances.
- Offer customized tips to improve energy efficiency, recommend upgrades and tell you about rebates you may qualify for to help cover the costs.

The energy advisor will provide a customized report of some simple ways to reduce your energy use. They may even install energy saving items, such as LED lightbulbs, at no cost.

To schedule a home energy assessment, call 855-676-9373 or sign up online at <https://www.nvenergy.com/my-account/energy-assessment-landing>.

## Southwest Gas: Home Heating Saving Tips

A few suggestions from Southwest Gas could help with your heating bill this winter.

- Cut heating bills by as much as 10 percent per year by turning your thermostat back 10 to 15 percent for eight hours per day.
- Kitchens are particularly vulnerable to excessive warming, especially from the extra heat generated by cooking. Adjust the kitchen vents, if you have them, until the room is comfortable.
- Try adjusting upstairs vents in a two-story home to counter the effect of warm air rising from the first floor.
- Consider installing high-efficiency natural gas fireplace inserts or freestanding stoves. If your fireplace doesn't have glass doors, consider having a set installed to help keep warm air in the house. NOTE: Fireplaces with glass doors require proper venting.
- When not in use, close fireplace dampers, if possible.

More tips to help with your winter heating costs are available at <https://www.swgas.com/heating-tips>.

## Dockets Opened at the PUCN in December 2021

Visit [puc.nv.gov/Dockets/Dockets/](https://puc.nv.gov/Dockets/Dockets/) to view documents filed in the dockets listed below.

Docket No.	Date Filed	Description
21-12001	12/01/2021	Howard Stephan vs. Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy. Complaint regarding Powershift Residential A/C Discount.
21-11002	12/02/2021	Rick Ernst vs. Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy. Complaint requesting reimbursement for unnecessary costs as a result of the cancelation of Project ID #3007402532 (Temporary Disconnect/Reconnect).
21-12003	12/03/2021	Request of China Telecom (Americas) Corporation to cancel its commercial mobile radio service registration.
21-12004	12/09/2021	Application of Boulder Cascade Mobile Home Park to withdraw \$353,000.00 from the tenant service charge account for reimbursement of expenses incurred to repair and maintain the electrical system.
21-12005	12/10/2021	Application of Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy, filed under Advice Letter No. 523, to revise Net Metering Rider-B Schedule No. NMR-B to conform with Schedule No. NMR-405 with respect to the Rule 1 premise definition reference and any applicable owner acquiescence documentation pursuant to the Order issued in Docket No. 21-05012.

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Docket No.	Date Filed	Description
21-12006	12/10/2021	Application of Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy, filed under Advice Letter No. 649-E, to revise Net Metering Rider-B Schedule No. NMR-B to conform with Schedule No. NMR-405 with respect to the Rule 1 premise definition reference and any applicable owner acquiescence documentation pursuant to the Order issued in Docket No. 21-05013.
21-12007	12/14/2021	Notice by Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy that they will not be filing to adjust the Tax Gross-up Rates under Electric Rule No. 9 and Gas Rule No. 9.
21-12008	12/15/2021	Notice by TAG Mobile, LLC, TAG Mobile Bankruptcy Sale Entity, LLC, and Softel Holdings, LLC of a transaction that will result in a transfer of control of a telecommunication company.
21-12013	12/16/2021	Rulemaking to amend, adopt, and/or repeal regulations in accordance with Senate Bill 387 (2021).
21-12014	12/20/2021	Notice by Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada and AT&T Wholesale of its intent to discontinue residential Wide Area Telecommunication Service - 800 Service.
21-12015	12/17/2021	Request of Mitel Cloud Services, Inc. to cancel its commercial mobile radio service registration.
21-12016	12/21/2021	Application of CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, filed under Advice Letter No. NV2021-22, to revise Tariff No. 1A to update the terms for grandfathered bundles and packages.
21-12017	12/21/2021	Notice by SBC Long Distance, LLC d/b/a AT&T Long Distance of its intent to discontinue residential AT&T Toll Free 800 Service and Toll Free Default.
21-12018	12/16/2021	Application of Protel Advantage, Inc. to voluntarily discontinue telecommunication service conducted under Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPC") 2760 Sub 1.
21-12019	12/23/2021	Notice by Titus Canyon Solar LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct the Titus Canyon Solar Project consisting of a 600 MW photovoltaic solar electric generating facility, a 600 MW battery energy storage system, a 525 kV generation-tie line, and associated facilities to be located in Nye County, Nevada.
21-12020	12/23/2021	Application of Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy, filed under Advice Letter No. 337-G, to revise Gas Tariff No. 1 to include a Soft Off process that may be used upon the discontinuance of service to residential accounts.
21-12021	12/23/2021	Notice by Sleepy Orange Solar LLC, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct the Sleepy Orange Solar Project consisting of a 500 MW photovoltaic solar electric generating facility, a 500 MW battery energy storage system, a 345 kV generation-tie line, and associated facilities to be located in Lyon County, Nevada.
21-12023	12/28/2021	Notice by Ton 80 Communications, LLC of its intent to request numbering resources for various rate centers from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator.
21-12024	12/29/2021	Biannual filing by Nevada Power Company d/b/a NV Energy and Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy regarding the Solar Program, providing a status update and a summary of discussion from a meeting with industry stakeholders pursuant to NAC 701B.145.

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