## BECOME A DETECTIVE:

INVESTIGATE WINDOW AIR AND WATER LEAKS

Poorly insulated windows can account for 25% of a home's heat loss while damage from window water leaks can cost thousands of dollars to repair.

Here are a few things to look for when checking your windows for air and water leaks.

## AIR LEAKS

- Inspect windows where the building materials meet (the frame, sill, etc.).
  Check interior and exterior caulking and weather stripping for gaps or cracks.
- At night, shine a flashlight around the window while a friend observes from outside. Light will appear through large cracks.
- Try to rattle the window. It if moves easily, there could be an air leak.







- 1 Check the three most common areas for window water leaks: the window head flashing (protective material over the top of a window), the vertical trim (sides) and the sill.
- Water stains or mold on carpets, tack strips or subflooring under windows can be a sign of window leaks.
- Look for condensation between the panes of glass. Fogging between the panes could be an indication of insulating glass seal failure.





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