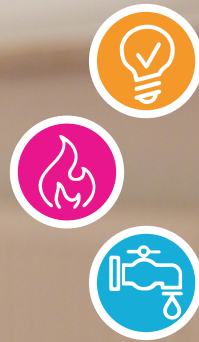


## A blue digital thermometer is shown, held in a person's hand. The LCD screen displays "REF ---" at the top, followed by a degree Celsius symbol and the number "16.0". Below the screen, there are four small indicator lights labeled "OFF", "BC", "TC", and "SRC". At the bottom, there are two arrow buttons and a central button labeled "ON/OFF".



As the audit is completed, take notes on what's found. These observations will help prioritize the most important improvements to save money and increase comfort. Whether completing repairs yourself, or deciding to hire help, you will be aware of potential issues.

**Tip:** DIY Energy Audit Kits may be available to borrow from a local library.

Move your hand around the edges of exterior doors, windows, bathroom and kitchen vents, and fans. If you feel air moving or a temperature difference, there's likely a leak.

1. on a cold, windy day, turn off your furnace and close all windows and exterior doors
2. turn on bathroom and kitchen fans to create negative pressure
3. light incense and slowly move it around doors, windows, vents, and suspected leak points
4. if the smoke moves or is sucked in, you have found a draft

- ☐ doors and windows: inspect frames, seals, weatherstripping
- ☐ baseboards: inspect where walls meet ceilings or floors
- ☐ light fixtures and ceiling fans
- ☐ electrical outlets and switches including exterior walls
- ☐ bathroom and kitchen exhaust fans
- ☐ fireplace dampers: check for a tight seal
- ☐ outside entry points for cables, pipes, and vents:  
Watch for cracks caused by freezing and thawing

Once identified, seal leaks using caulking, weatherstripping, or plastic film, which can be found at local hardware stores. Proper sealing enhances comfort, reduces energy loss, and protects your home.

## This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are approximately 20 lines visible. The paper has a slight shadow on the right side, suggesting it's resting on a surface.