

Draughts

Draughts are usually found around windows and doors.

You can find the source of a draught by moving a lit candle around different parts of your home. The flame will flicker if it feels a wind.

Draughts can make a room feel much colder than the rest of the house due to the cold chill.

Don't get confused between ventilation and draughts.

Draughts are created through unwanted holes in the property that let in cold winds. Most permanent ventilation systems are shielded, or can be shielded, from allowing cold wind in whilst still letting moist air exit.

How to prevent different draughts

Fit a cover on the back of your letterbox.

Fill cracks in walls and floorboards.

Fit a brush along the bottom of doors or use moveable draught excluders.

Adjust the screws in PVC windows and doors to reduce gaps.

Chimney balloons in unused chimneys.

Fill gaps around electrical fittings, pipework and light fixtures.

Draught Tape

Draught tape is a relatively cheap product that can be used to fill gaps around your home.

It works best when used around something that opens and closes, such as windows, doors and loft hatches, to fill the gap that is sometimes present even when these things are closed.

Most draught tape has a sticky strip on one side. So, all you need to do is measure where you would like to fit the tape, cut the correct measurement off, and stick it down.

To find out where to place it, you will need to open the door (or window or loft hatch) and stick the tape on the part of the door frame that meets the door when it's closed.

Most draught tape is made of a foam-like material which will compress when pushed onto and expand around areas that the door and door frame aren't touching, to fill the gaps.

