

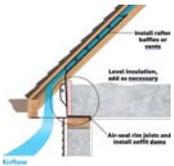
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ENERGYWISE TIP ~ Wind Washing!



Wind washing: It's not a new, evolutionary way of laundering clothes. It's not a water-conserving approach to personal hygiene. It's not even a technique for cleaning dirty windows. Rather, wind washing is the movement of unconditioned air around or through buildings in such a way that diminishes or nullifies the intended thermal performance. More simply put, wind washing may be eroding the benefits of your home's insulation, especially in the attic.

Therefore, it could be causing your home to use more energy during heating and cooling seasons.

Most often, wind washing is caused by airflow coming through the soffits or roof vents into unconditioned attic spaces. While air movement is necessary for proper ventilation, it shouldn't move through insulation. When it does, gusts can push loose-fill insulation out of place, caus-

ing bare spots and uneven insulation. Blown-in fiberglass and rockwool insulation are most vulnerable to its effects. Typically, the problem starts in open, vented soffit areas where roof trusses set on the top plate of exterior walls.

The solution is to direct airflow within the attic while eliminating its opportunity to pass through insulation as illustrated in the image.

Start by raking loose-fill insulation away or pulling blanket insulation back from vented soffit areas. Air seal rim joists and drywall seams with spray foam insulation. Also seal floor cavities below attic knee walls and cantilevered floors, if necessary. Install rafter baffles or vents at each rafter bay to direct air flow above rather than through attic insulation. Cut foam board to snugly fit between ceiling joists and install them to serve as soffit dams. These should extend four inches above the final level of insulation where possible. Remember, the US Depart-

ment of Energy recommends insulating attics in Nebraska to an R-value of 49. This will likely require an insulation depth of 16 to 18-inches. Redistribute existing insulation back evenly into affected areas and add new insulation as necessary. If wind washing continues in problem areas, consider installing a roll of batt insulation over the top to confine loose-fill insulation. As part of home maintenance, remember to inspect attic spaces annually for the effects of wind washing and settling insulation.

Your local utility wants to help you gain the most value from the energy required to heat and cool your home. For more ideas on how you can make your home or business EnergyWiseSM, along with possible energy efficiency financial incentives, contact your local utility

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CITY COUNCIL

MEETINGS

September 3rd

September 17th



CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS

City Hall office

Hours are:

7:30 a.m.

until 4:30 p.m.

REMINDER TO PET OWNERS

Remember to pick up your dog's waste — don't leave it in parks where kids play or other private and public areas!! It's not only the right thing to do—it's the law!!



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“Expecting the world to treat you fairly because you are a good person is a little like expecting the bull not to attack you because you are a vegetarian.”

—Dennis Wholey

Library ~

- **WE WILL BE CLOSED on September 1st**, but we will resume Fall hours and reopen on Sundays starting September 8th. We will also be closed on September 2nd for Labor Day.
- **Join us for Memory Café every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.**, where this month's activity is **Bingo**. Memory Café provides a warm and inviting setting for individuals dealing with memory loss or other challenges and their loved ones to come together, socialize, and establish supportive connections.
- **Join us for Beyond the Bell on the first and third Wednesdays at 2:15 p.m.** Beyond the Bell will have themes paired with related activities. For instance, on September 4th, the focus will be on Wildlife Day, featuring a craft activity to make paper butterflies, while on September 18th, we will offer Autumn coloring sheets along with snacks and a drink.
- **Toddler Time is back! Join Miss Aleisha on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.** Each Toddler Time will focus on a specific theme with corresponding activities.
- **Aleisha invites you to join Play and Stay on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.** Enjoy music, dancing, busy bags, and other activities. Don't miss the monthly final session featuring a sensory station.
- **After-school coloring will take place every second and fourth Friday at 3:30 p.m.** After-school coloring will focus on a specific theme with corresponding activities.
- **Work on your creative projects with our Needle Night group at the Library on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.** Enjoy conversation and good company while working on your needlework projects.
- **Join Librarian Jesse in crafting fun on September 3rd at 6:00 p.m.** We will create Bullet Journals at the back of the Library! Bullet journals are a creative and organized way to keep track of tasks, events, and goals.
- **Head to the back of the Library on Tuesday, September 10th, 6:00 p.m for Adult Coloring.** Stop in for a relaxing night and good company.
- **Come for 90's Trivia Night at Johnnie Byrd's "The Coop" on Friday, September 13th, at 7:00 p.m.** Who knows the most about the 90s? Join in the fun to find out. Visit or call the Library at (402)375-3135 to register a team of up to 6 people.
- **Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with us on September 14th with a family movie, a treat, and a unique craft!** We will watch an animated film featuring Miguel, who aspires to be a musician.
- **Join us for an Adult Spelling Bee on September 21st at 1:00 p.m.**
- **Wayne Public Library is hosting Hilda Pearson's program on Meal Planning on September 23rd at 6:00 p.m.** This beginner's class will teach attendees how to set a menu, create a shopping list, and how to prep for success. The class is limited to 8, so be sure to pre-register by stopping by the circulation desk, or by calling 402-375-3135.
- **Book Club will return for discussion on Tuesday, September 24th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library conference room.** This month's discussion book will be *Old Jules* by Mari Sandoz.
- **Would you like to showcase your baking skills at this year's Sweet Taste of Wayne event on November 2nd?** We are seeking professional, amateur, and youth bakers to create 100 bite-size treats that can fit in a 2 oz cup. To participate, reach out to the Library by visiting in person, calling (402) 375-3135, or emailing njohnson@cityofwayne.org.

WAYNE RECYCLING & TRASH CENTER (RTC) HOURS

Monday & Friday
9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Tuesday
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Saturday
8:00 a.m.—Noon

Or by appointment
Tuesday, Wednesday
and Thursday

Green Notes ~ Electronics Recycling Event September 14th?



The City of Wayne Green Team is hosting its annual electronics recycling collection event on **Saturday, September 14th, 8am – 10am** (ends earlier if the truck fills up). Drive east-bound on 3rd street between Lincoln and Pearl in front of the City Hall parking lot to responsibly dispose of your electronics. Bring your old TVs, computers, cell phones, printers, cords and more to recycle right and keep electronics out of the landfill, where they can become hazardous to our soil and groundwater. You can even bring VHS tapes, vacuums, blenders, toasters, and kitchen mixers. See our website for a full list of items accepted by our recycling vendor, the Retrofit Companies. Sorry, no large appliances, dehumidifiers, or batteries.

This block of 3rd Street will be closed to traffic. Enter from Lincoln Street to unload your electronics and exit onto Pearl Street.

FEES: Suggested donation of \$10 per carload or \$50 per business load of reasonable size. Fees for CRTs (tube) of \$5/monitor and \$10/TV (no charge for flatscreens); \$15/microwave.

For more tips on the Green Path to the Good Life, like the Wayne Green Team on Facebook or visit www.cityofwayne.org/greenteam.

The Fair Housing Act protects people from discrimination when they are renting, buying, or securing financing for any housing. The prohibitions specifically cover discrimination because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability and the presence of children.

If you believe you may be a victim of housing discrimination, contact HUD 1-800-669-9777 or your local Fair Housing representative:

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