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ENERGYWISE TIP ~ Keep Jack Frost Out



If you've ever lived through a few Nebraska winters in an old house with single-pane windows, you've likely observed the exquisite and ornate artwork by "Jack Frost". Painted overnight, this left-behind artistry of frosty, fern-like patterns seemed to magically appear on the interior side of windows on the coldest of winter mornings. Window frost has become far less prevalent in current times due to the advancement of double-glazing. These designs may be pretty, but they're not something you should be happy to see!

Rather, it's a warning that your home is literally losing heat right out the window. While window replacement may be the best solution in the long run, it's usually the most expensive. If new windows aren't in the budget, here are a few suggestions that come with a lower price tag:

Storm Windows

If you're still in a home that only has single-pane windows, give strong consideration to installing storm windows. This will cut the transfer of heat through your single panes in half. While acrylic or plexiglass units may cost as little as \$80 per window, expect to pay \$125 to \$415 per replacement, plus \$30 to \$80 per hour for professional installation.

Window Insulation Kits

If storm windows are still outside of your budget or if your double-pane

windows seem drafty on cold, windy days, install window insulation kits. Mounted on the interior or exterior, per window costs start around \$6 and can usually be self-installed. Though you won't be able to open your window until it's removed, it effectively seals the window and stops air leaks.

Insulated Shades

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, insulated cellular shades are typically considered to have the highest R-values of all window coverings. The air pockets in the honeycomb cross-sections act as insulators, increasing the R-value and reducing the conduction of heat through the window. During the heating season, tightly installed cellular shades can reduce heat loss through windows by 40% or more. While high-end models may cost as much as \$250 per window, less-expensive models that are just as efficient start around \$25,

Caulking/Sealing

Collectively, air leaks from and around windows can contribute up to 30% of a home's heating needs. Obviously, sealing these leaks provides huge energy savings! Homeowners generally pay about \$50 per average-size, double-hung window to be professionally caulked. However, many find this project easy enough to do themselves. In that case, the average window will require a little less than a tube of silicone-based caulk at a cost start-

ing around \$9.

Especially in older homes, the gaps between the window frame and window cavity were not properly sealed during installation. While "retro sealing" requires removal of the interior trim, low expansion foam does not distort or bow window and door frames when applied properly and provides an exceptional seal. Costs range from \$1.25 to \$4 per linear foot when hiring a professional, while a Do-It-Yourself project could cost as little as \$0.05 to \$0.20 per linear foot.

Locks and Latches

Here's the simplest, least expensive way to increase window efficiency: use the sash locks or latches. For double-hung and sliding windows, this tightens the sashes together. With casement windows, the sash is tightened into the frame. Either way, air leakage is reduced or eliminated. If your windows don't have sash locks, most hardware stores offer them at prices starting around \$15.

Your local utility wants to help you keep warm this winter season as effectively and efficiently as possible. To find additional ways to save energy every day, contact your local utility.

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CITY COUNCIL

MEETINGS

January 7th
January 21st



CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS

City Hall office
Hours are:
7:30 a.m.
until 4:30 p.m.

NOTICE

City Offices will be closed January 1st for the New Year's Day Holiday and also on Monday, January 20th, for the Martin Luther King Holiday.



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WISE WORDS

“The best way to appreciate your job is to imagine yourself without one.”

—Oscar Wilde

RESIDENTIAL WINTER SEWER AVERAGING REMINDER

From November 15th until February 15th, the water usage for that time period is what will be used for averaging your sewer usage for one year — Use water wisely during this time!!

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

Library ~

- The Library will be closed December 31st at 4:00 p.m. and all day on January 1st in observance of the New Year holiday.
- The Library will also be closed on January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- This year's Adult Challenge invites you to embark on a journey across the USA with the Read Across America Challenge!
- Aleisha invites you to join “Stay & Play” on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- Work on your creative projects with our Needle Night group on Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m. at the Library.
- Join Nicole for Adult Craft Night on January 2nd at 6:00 p.m., where we will create a Memory Board!
- Join us for Coffee and Conversation on the first Monday of every month at 10:30 a.m.
- Young adventurers, are you prepared to dive into the excitement of our Lock Box Challenge on January 3, 2024?
- Join Librarian Andra for Bilingual Storytime on January 5th at 2:30 p.m.
- Toddler Time is back on January 9th! Come hang out with Miss Aleisha on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
- After-school coloring will occur on Friday, January 10th, at 3:30 p.m.
- Head to the back of the Library on Tuesday, January 14th at 6:00 p.m. for Adult Coloring.
- Join Ms. Aleisha for “Beyond the Bell” at 2:15 p.m. on January 15th and 29th!
- Join us for Basic Tech Day on January 15th at 1:00 p.m.
- A new “Walk & Talk Book Club” will kick off on January 21st at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Activity Center, featuring “The Women” by Kristin Hannah. Participants will each listen to Playaways available on January 2nd at the Library.
- Prepare to join the Librarians—Jesse, Kat, Rachel, and Rob—at the Hobby Hangout on January 24th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- Traditional Book Club will return for discussion on Tuesday, January 28th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library conference room.

Green Notes ~ 20,000 Pounds of Household Hazardous Waste Collected!!



Ready to start your new year off with a green resolution? Begin with a home cleanse by going through your house to see what you no longer need or use. Wayne has many options for you to donate or resell your stuff at our local consignment shops, thrift stores, and more. A full list of where to take odds and ends in Wayne is posted on our website at www.cityofwayne.org/greenteam. It includes books, markers, watch batteries, prescription medicines, eyeglasses, plastic bags, inkjet cartridges, and more.

You can always recycle for **free** at the Wayne Recycling & Trash Center (RTC), located at 110 Windom Street and open Mon and Fri, 9:00am – 1:30pm, Tue 11am – 2pm, and Sat, 8:00am – noon. The center accepts glass, cardboard, tin cans, plastics bottles (no plastic bags or Styrofoam), strings

of lights, and scrap metal, and has recycling drop offs for Wayne Boy Scout Troop #174 of aluminum cans, newspapers, magazines, and mixed paper.

Use the City's Brush Pile. Bring your Christmas tree free of any decorations or tinsel to the City's brush pile at 1810 Industrial Road.

Green Team Meeting January 14: Join our Green Team meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month at noon in the conference room of the SNBuilding at 1010 Main Street in Wayne (no meetings in June, July and December).

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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