

# Three ways to improve the energy efficiency of your manufactured home.



No one likes wasting their money. But unfortunately, manufactured homes are notorious for being inefficient when it comes to energy usage. This results in utility bills that are higher than they could be.

If you're tired of paying so much to cool or heat your home, you have options. In this article, we'll highlight three of the top ways to improve the energy efficiency of your manufactured home. By investing in some upgrades, you can realize energy savings that will add up over time.

### **Update Doors and Windows**

Multiple sources agree that doors and windows can be the sources of 30-40% of a manufactured home's total heat loss. By updating them with quality replacements, you can seal in the air so that your air conditioner and furnace run less frequently. Vinyl windows are recommended over aluminum windows to make your manufactured home more energy efficient. Vinyl minimizes heat transfer, while aluminum conducts heat and makes rooms warmer in summer.

When updating exterior doors, go with fiberglass or insulated steel, and make sure the frame fits tightly. This will ensure a more consistent interior temperature.

Capitol Supply carriers the widest range of <u>vinyl windows</u> and <u>doors</u> in Michigan with many sizes and styles to chose from, often available same day from stock.

#### Modernize Your HVAC System

When it comes to HVAC systems and energy efficiency, older systems can't compete with newer ones. Upgrading to a modern furnace and air conditioner will result in your systems running less frequently and help you compile energy savings over time.

In fact, minimum SEER rating and testing requirements changed as of January 1, 2023, with the goal of increasing minimum efficiency by 810%. So now is a good time to upgrade to newer SEER HVAC equipment.

With energy efficiency as a goal, here are some key equipment considerations:

- Upgrade to 14 SEER or above air conditioning system
- Choose a furnace with an electronically commutated motor (ECM)
- Update to a 95% AFUE gas furnace

Whatever your HVAC setup, regular maintenance is important. This includes cleaning or changing the furnace filter and vacuuming vent ducts. A clean system is a more efficient system.

<u>Capitol Supply and Service</u> can take care of all your HVAC needs from service, repair, and maintenance to partial or complete system replacement. We also offer finance for qualified customers meaning a total system replacement can cost as little as \$75 per month.

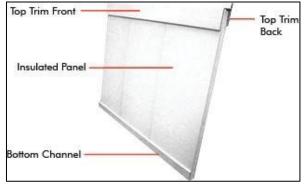


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## **Install Insulated Skirting**

Another way to prevent air loss from the interior of your home is to install insulated skirting. <u>Titan Elite</u> is a quality example of insulated skirting that helps keep mobile homes warmer in winter and cooler in summer by utilizing R-7.5 insulation.

In addition to energy savings, insulated skirting helps keep the floors warmer and prevents pipes from freezing.



#### Start Improving the Energy Efficiency of Your Manufactured Home Today

Why pay more to heat and cool your mobile home if you don't need to? Replacing outdated equipment with modern, energy-focused alternatives is an investment worth making. You'll appreciate the month-over-month savings while enjoying the improved comfort of your home!

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