

## **WINTER READY ENERGY-SAVING TIPS**

### **From the CCA Sustainability Committee**

#### **First to Do: Winter Basics to keep down bills and stay comfortable:**

- 1—Caulk and weather strip around doors and windows – go to your local hardware store and ask for the best brands See Frank’s advice below for high quality weather stripping products for doors
- 2 – turn down thermostat and get/use a programmable thermostat
- 3 – use power strips to shut off appliances and media electronics when not in use.
- 4 – get a BGE free Home Performance Inspection for more tips tailored to your home
- 6 – replace all incandescent bulbs with CFL or LED lamps

#### **ALSO, you can check out the following resources.**

#### **[The BGE Smart Energy Savers Program®](#)**

offers you a variety of powerful options to save energy, money and the environment. Whether you own or rent, the BGE Smart Energy Savers Program® provides a variety of discounts and rebates to help you cut your energy costs, save money, and improve the comfort and quality of your home.

#### **[Quick Home Energy Check-up](#) [www.bgesmartenergy.com](http://www.bgesmartenergy.com) Free Inspection.**

A Quick Home Energy Check-up is a fast, easy way to increase the energy efficiency of your home and help you start saving immediately. When you schedule a Check-up, one of our energy efficiency professionals will come to your home and check the condition of its insulation, heating and air cooling system, lighting, appliances, and more, to identify opportunities to help you save energy and money.

Here are more **[Winter Ready Tips from BGE](#)** [www.bge.com/waystosave](http://www.bge.com/waystosave)

And from the Baltimore Office of Sustainability’s Neighborhood Energy Challenge  
<https://baltimoreenergychallenge.org/city/baltimore/overview>

## **Frank Lee, Co-Chair, on Weather Stripping**

Zerodraft, a Canadian company, offers the most effective weather stripping product. Order online.

My short list for Coldpsring Newtown Condos and Woodlands exterior doors (including garage interior doors at Woodlands. :

- door edge seal sets – DX1000
- Door sweep – DSW 44914
- Look on the website for a video on installation
- Properly fitted, the gasket is just half compressed. It can move tighter or looser ¼” or more without losing the seal.
- Get Polyflex in two sizes. Small will seal locket strike plates. Large will seal gap parting rails between pairs of doors or fill gaps in double-hung windows.

The Zerodraft bottom door sweep is better than the original one, but it might require removing the door to cut a strip from the door bottom. Yes, metal doors can be undercut, but it might not be a DIY project.