
Here's How to Weather Strip Your Door

Step #1: Identify Your Weather Strip Type

Weather stripping can be attached to the door or frame, depending on the type. The three basic types of weather stripping are:

- **Felt compression** – affordable and easy to install but less durable.
- **V-type** – great for sealing gaps along door edges.
- **Foam** – versatile and effective at blocking drafts.

Examine the weather stripping on your door to determine which type works best on your door.

Step #2: Remove Old Weather Stripping and Clean the Area

Remove the old material before installing new weather stripping. Weatherstripping tends to collect dirt and grime over time, so once removed, use a sponge and soapy water to clean the area thoroughly. Dry it completely with a towel before proceeding.

Step #3: Measure and Cut

Measure and cut three pieces of new weather stripping slightly longer than needed; this allows for adjustments, and you can always trim any excess later.

Step #4: Install the New Weather Stripping

Start at the top corner of the door frame and place your first piece flush against it. Insert about a foot at a time, pressing it into place carefully using a pry bar or screwdriver. Be gentle to avoid damaging or piercing the material. Repeat the process along the sides, ensuring that each piece aligns appropriately with no gaps.

Step #5: Replace the Door Sweep

For extra protection against drafts, replace the door sweep at the bottom of your door. Choose the appropriate type for your door, ensuring a snug seal along the threshold.

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