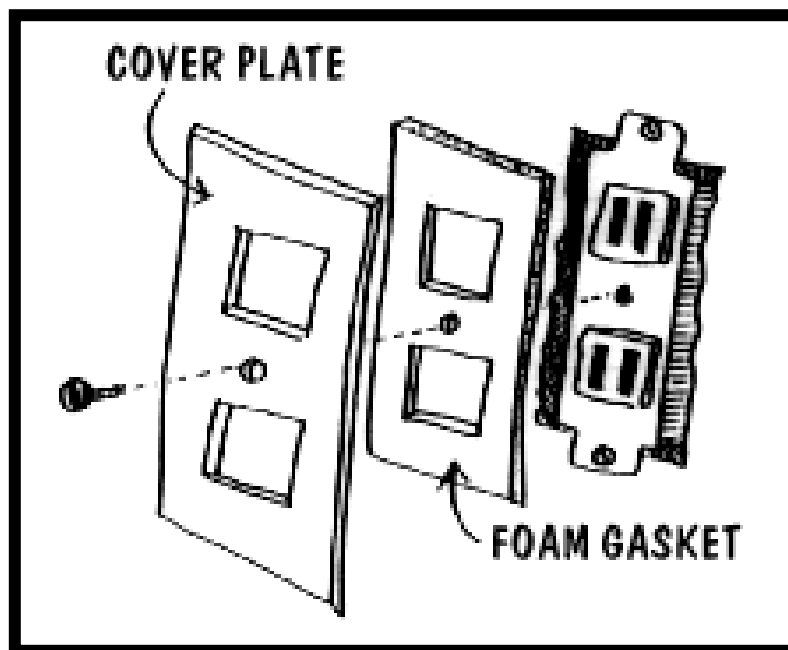


Button Up with Switch and Outlet Gaskets

Wall openings around outlets and switches are prime places for outside air to leak into your home. By adding foam gaskets behind outlet covers and switch plates and using safety plugs in all unused outlets, drafts will be kept to a minimum. In combination with other actions around the house such as caulking and weather-stripping, you could save up to 10 percent on energy costs. Switch and outlet gaskets can be found at home centers and electrical supply houses. Foam gaskets are installed directly over the plug or switch, below the finish trim plate. Here are *six easy steps* to install foam switch and outlet gaskets:

- First shut off power at the fuse box or circuit panel.
- Use a screwdriver to remove the screws holding the cover to the wall.
- Put the screwdriver down and install the gaskets.
- Remove the gasket center at the perforations and put the gasket in place.
- Reinstall the switch plate cover and put screw(s) securely in place.
- Once completed the power at the fuse box or circuit panel can be turned back on.



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