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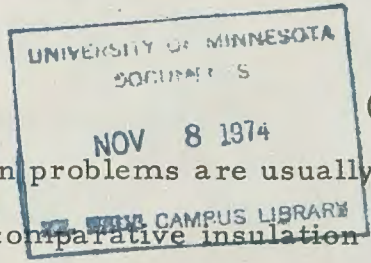
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Insulation Problems



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Two common insulation problems are usually found in older homes. One relates to the comparative insulation value of fill materials and the other relates to adding insulation to what is presently above the ceiling.

Insulation materials can be compared by their thermal resistance "R" value or their ability to resist the passage of heat. The higher "R" value, the better the insulator.

If the house has an attic floor, probably the best choice is to have insulation blown in because only a small portion of the attic floor need be removed. With blanket or batt insulation, the entire floor would need to be removed. When the space above the ceiling is open, the job is much easier because of access. Batt or blanket materials can be used, but fill material is better because it is easier to apply and will conform to any irregular space.

More information is available in Agricultural Engineering Fact Sheet 18. It's available from county extension offices and the Bulletin Room, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108.

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Home Winemaking

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A day-long home winemaking course will be held at the University of Minnesota-St. Paul next Saturday (November 16).

Pre-registration is required through the Office of Special Programs, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108. Phone (612) 373-0725.

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