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TIP #004

Before Winter: Check the Sealant Around Your Windows and Doors

- **What to look for**: Cracking, missing sealant, and edges pulling away from the frame or wall.
- **Choose the right tube**: Use a flexible, weather-resistant exterior window and door sealant.
- **Prepare and apply properly**: Remove old sealant from the joint, clean the surfaces, and let them dry. Cut the nozzle to suit the gap, apply an even bead, and tool it before it skins over. Some larger joints may need backer rod; Follow the product's joint-size instructions.
- **Know what must stay open**; Weep holes and intended drainage openings need to remain clear. Some openings are there to let water escape.
- **Pro Tip**: It's also a very good time to clean the glass inside and out and check the window's operators and locks.