Reasons why some houses get too cold
Lack of sun, poor solar orientation of living spaces, inadequate insulation, heat loss through air leakage, and lack of, or poorly placed thermal mass can each contribute or combine to make homes too cold in winter.

- Windows are shaded from the sun in winter.
- Trees shade the house from the sun in winter.
- All lightweight construction with low thermal mass does not help to even out extremes of temperature changes.
- Gaps around doors and windows.
- Heat loss through the roof due to inadequate insulation.
- Heat loss due to warm air being drawn up the chimney.
- Draughts caused by gaps around doors and windows.
- Inadequate insulation in the walls.
- Inadequate insulation in the floor.
- Floor exposed to the outside air.