



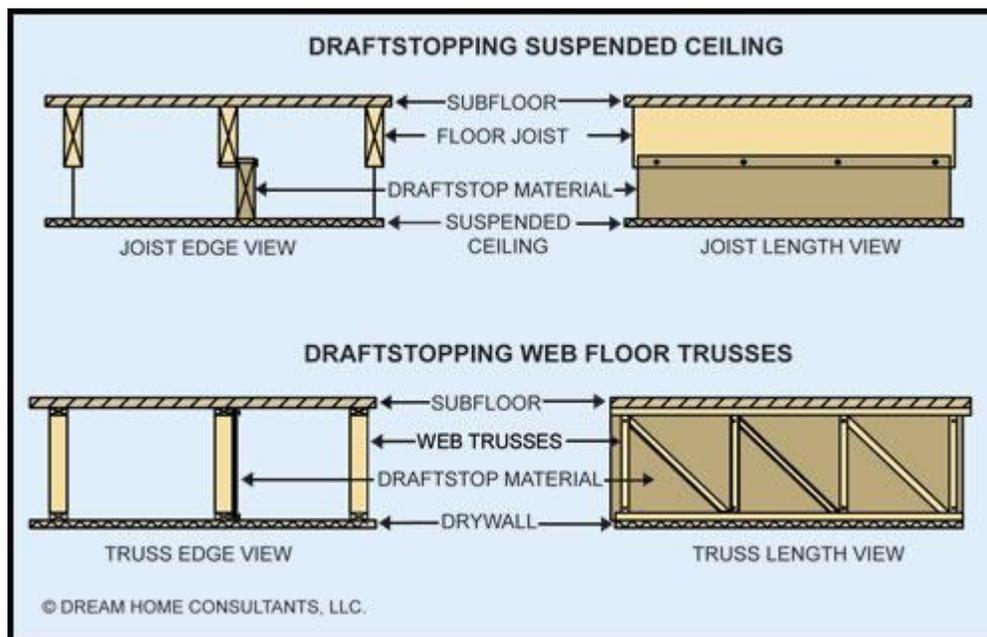
RESIDENTIAL DRAFTSTOPPING

*A Building permit is required for any alteration or addition to any existing building or structure. *MN State Building Code Section 1300.0120 Subpart 1.*

R302.12 Draftstopping: In combustible construction where there is usable space both above and below the concealed space of a floor/ceiling assembly, draft stops shall be installed so that the area of the concealed space does not exceed 1,000 square feet (92.9 m²). Draftstopping shall divide the concealed space into approximately equal areas. Where the assembly is enclosed by a floor membrane above and a ceiling membrane below, draftstopping shall be provided in floor/ceiling assemblies under the following circumstances:

1. Ceiling is suspended under the floor framing.
2. Floor framing is constructed of truss-type open-web or perforated members.

R302.12.1 Materials: Draftstopping materials shall not be less than $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch (12.7 mm) gypsum board, $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch (9.5 mm) wood structural panels or other *approved* materials adequately supported. Draft stopping shall be installed parallel to the floor framing members unless otherwise *approved* by the *building official*. The integrity of the draftstops shall be maintained.



The Building Department encourages the builder to contact us for further clarification on any questions encountered during the construction of their project.

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