

What to know about windows in Vermont



Why windows matter

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, leaky windows can account for 10–25% of your heating bill. Most homeowners assume that they need to replace their windows to solve this problem. In most cases, a partial replacement and repairs can be significantly more cost effective than replacement.



When to repair or replace your windows



Most windows can be repaired

If your existing windows still function—and your goal is to improve efficiency—consider upgrading their weather-stripping and latching hardware first or adding Low-E storm windows. Windows in disrepair often look worse than they are. Start with easy, low-cost updates;

- replace cracked panes and glazing compound
- add weather-stripping and window locks
- fill in unused pulley cavities in older windows
- hang energy-efficient window treatments
- install Low-E storm windows (learn more about storm windows on the reverse)

Determine if you need to replace

There are many reasons to replace your windows. New windows can enhance the look of your home and reduce noise, however, a common misconception is that they will save you money.

While it is true that new windows are energy efficient, due to their high cost, you will spend more on replacement than you will save on energy. That is why Efficiency Vermont recommends exploring weatherization work or adding storm windows before considering replacement.

If your interest in replacement is primarily efficiency, then investment in new windows might be worth it if:

- the total cost of the windows is low
- your current windows are not salvageable (single paned, extensive deterioration, missing parts, or rotted frames)

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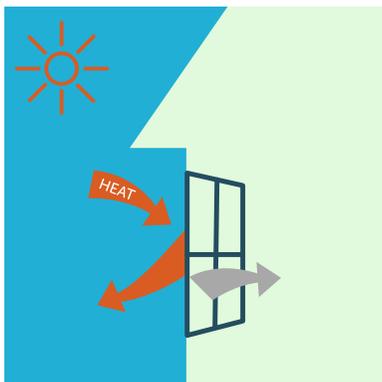
About Low-E storm windows

Low-E storms boost the energy efficiency of your windows at a fraction of full replacement cost. They're treated with an invisible coating that reflects heat while letting light pass through, resulting in less heat gain and loss and a more comfortable space for you. As an added benefit, the low-E window coating limits damage from ultraviolet rays, reducing color fading on window treatments, floors, and furniture.



Warmer in Winter

- Improves window performance by reflecting heat back into the home and reducing neergy transfer through the window opening
- Reduced heating and energy costs



Cooler in Summer

- Allows less sun-generated heat to enter your home
- Helps keep interiors cooler
- Reduces cooling energy costs

Wondering if a window replacement is needed?

We can help you determine the most cost-effective options for your home.



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