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## Tips When Replacing Windows and Doors

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Replacing old windows and doors provides multiple benefits and is a worthwhile investment. As a major home improvement project, it's important to plan for specific needs (how you want your new windows and doors to perform), your budget, and the installation process.

### New Windows Offer More Than Illumination

New windows do much more than providing natural light in your home. Multi layered window panes and framing materials provide superior insulation and energy efficiency. You can also select

windows with specific features needed for your home. Select new windows and doors with your needs in mind; these may include:

- \* controlling damaging sunlight (UV rays)
- \* eliminating or reducing condensation between panes
- \* increasing light entering your home
- \* lowering home energy costs
- \* updating your home's appearance
- \* reducing maintenance and upkeep

Window frame materials including vinyl and fiberglass resist pest infestation and weather damage. They are easier to maintain than wood and are more pleasing to the eye than old fashioned aluminum windows. Taking a list of your priorities when visiting window dealers can help with identifying suitable windows and doors.

### Window Dealers Can Answer Questions, Arrange Installation

Window dealers can recommend windows and doors appropriate for your needs and budget; they may offer extras such as interest free financing and installation packages. When arranging for window installation, it's important to verify that the contractor is factory authorized to install your new windows. Otherwise, any product warranties may become invalid. Requesting and verifying customer references and applicable licensing can help ensure that your replacement windows and doors project will go according to your plans.

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