

buying windows

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New windows can add tremendous curb appeal to your home, which is great if you are considering selling. If you plan to stay in your home, new windows and doors increase comfort and add a touch of beauty and elegance, while helping you save on energy bills.

1. Choose your Texture: Wood vs. PVC

Select a contemporary or classic design based on the architectural style of your home.

PVC windows are durable, resistant to moisture and corrosion, energy efficient, and virtually maintenance-free. They feature fusion welded multiple chamber frames to ensure energy efficiency and comfort for your home, and come in several operating styles.

Love wood, but hate the upkeep? With metal clad wood windows, you can enjoy the warmth of a stylish wood interior combined with the benefits of a low maintenance metal clad exterior.

Create a statement by upgrading from PVC to our award winning Metal Clad PVC windows. The composite frames combine aluminum cladding with a high performance PVC frame for superior strength, durability and energy efficiency.

Learn about the features of the various wood and PVC windows in this product guide to help you choose the right window for your home.

2. Choose your Window

Before you choose your window style and glass option, consider the direction of your home, note your climate zone, then decide the kind of performance you require from a window.

Windows on the East or West side of your home will get the most direct sunlight throughout the year. If your home faces South or West, remember that no Low-E glass coating will completely eliminate heat build-up, it will only reduce or retain the heat, depending on the season.

Casement windows are the most energy efficient opening windows, however for a more traditional look, try a double hung window. Picture windows bring the outdoors in and add loads of natural light, but they are not a great choice if you want to enjoy a summer breeze.

To expand an area in your home, consider a bay or bow window. It will transform the entire appearance of both the interior and exterior of your house.

3. Choose your Options

This is where your imagination gets to play! Remember that there are different options for wood and PVC windows.

Have fun choosing your brickmould. Be bold or subtle; the choice is yours.

Select your grille pattern and colour. Different patterns create different effects. Some window styles have the option of simulated divided lites. You can select the width profile and colour that suits your home. Check out our **Virtual Solutions** tool on our website to see the effect of combining varying patterns and colours.

Next, select your hardware for all opening windows. Our Encore range features a folding handle which reduces interference with curtains and blinds. We also offer an optional multi-locking system for added security.

