

# Window Installation Process

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Whether you're a new homeowner, or have lived in your house a lifetime, ***you'll need new windows at some point.*** Maybe you've been putting it off because it feels like an expense or hassle. If you could use new windows in your home, Advanced Window Products is here to make it a positive experience.

## When Should I Replace my Windows?

Maybe your house is newer and you believe windows are not an issue. Unfortunately, because of the builder profit motive, those ***new windows might not insulate your rooms as well as they should.*** If your home is newer ask:

- What is the U value of the windows? Is it less than the Energy Star rating for your area?
- Is there a noticeable sensation of outdoor cold or heat near the window?
- Do the windows "feel" like they are low quality?

If you answered yes to any of these, window replacement could be beneficial. ***An energy audit can help estimate your potential energy savings.*** The sooner you have high quality windows installed, the sooner they start paying you back.

On the other hand, if you've lived in your home awhile, you might not notice window problems that have developed gradually. ***Years of weather and wear reduce the integrity of the windows.*** Also, older windows can't give you the high level of comfort and efficiency of modern units.

- Do you notice drafts or noise coming from the windows?
- Does the wood or vinyl appear worn, dry or cracked?
- Are the windows single pane or do they lack film?
- Are they difficult to operate or just look "tired"?

***Answering yes to any of these could mean you haven't even noticed how drafty, noisy or uncomfortable your windows have become.***

The whole process can seem intimidating, but it doesn't need to be. As with any home maintenance or upgrades, careful planning and good decision-making should ensure a straightforward installation experience. **Be sure to first define your goals and budget for the new windows.** Consider any neighborhood rules such as historic district requirements. How much time do you have in your schedule for the work to be done? Is the schedule realistic and is extra time built-in? Answering these questions first will help narrow down your best options, especially when consulting with a window expert.



Once all of these factors have been taken into consideration, how does the actual installation go? First, with the old window removed, the installer will measure the opening and make sure that it is just large enough for the window dimensions and straight and square. They will check to see if reframing or shims may be needed. After fitting the new window into place it's checked to be level and square. Then flashing is nailed in, and a waterproof membrane applied around it. Finally caulking and insulation is added to complete a proper, tight fit. **This entire process is critical because the most advanced windows won't help your house unless they are properly seated and fully sealed from outside air and moisture.** This can take a few hours per window.

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