

Tips for replacing your windows

Windows are one of the areas of a home that can cause discomfort. If you feel drafts coming from old windows, replacements will solve the problem. Replacing existing windows with energy-efficient ones not only will reduce heating and air conditioning costs, but also add beauty and value to your home.

Most replacement windows are built using similar vinyl frame and window sash technology, and for the most part, these components are similar regarding their energy efficiency. The largest variance in energy efficiency is in the glass.

Replacement windows that have a low-emissivity coating or "Low E" rating help to keep heat in the home during cold weather. Also, windows with double glass panes filled with argon gas act as an insulator. In fact, low E, argon-filled replacement windows provide 17 per cent more energy efficiency than regular replacement windows. ❁