

## Investing In Windows Now Can Save You Money Later

If you're tired of paying too much for your heating and cooling costs, new energy-efficient windows may be the best solution for you. Today's windows have durable vinyl frames and offer insulating qualities, along with optional features such as sound control and protection from the sun. New windows can also increase your home's value. According to the 2015 Remodeling Impact Report from the National Association of Realtors, for average-quality windows, you can recoup 80% of the project cost in added home value.

Here are some frequently asked questions about window replacement:

1. How do I know if my windows need to be replaced? If your windows are more than 15 years old, you may begin to notice draftiness. Also, look for condensation around the window's edge or between the panes.
2. I can't afford to replace all of my windows. How should I decide which windows to replace? If you own an older home and still have single-paned windows, consider replacing those first. Look around your home at various times in the day. If you notice one area getting excessive amounts of sun, look into windows that will help reduce heat gain from the sun and help keep your home cooler. Think about replacing your largest windows first. You'll see the most immediate impact on your budget when those windows are efficient.
3. How can new windows save me money? Mike Neal of Neal's Custom Exteriors names windows as providing the most energy savings out of any home improvement. Neal's is an Energy Star provider, and installing Energy Star windows lowers energy bills. Savings may range from \$75-\$375 per year.
4. Can I install windows myself? According to Energy.gov, "Even the most energy-efficient window must be properly installed to ensure energy efficiency. Therefore, it's best to have a professional install your windows."

Do you have more questions about window replacement? Contact us today.