**YOUR GUIDE TO REPLACEMENT WINDOWS**

#### https://www.sunrisewindows.com/blog/ultimate-guide-to-replacement-windows/

Let Fitch Design Studios help you discover a world of replacing your windows. We have endless styles and choices to select from including Sunrise and Andersen Windows. Replacing windows before Western New York winters could save you on your energy bills as well.

If you’re like most homeowners, then you’ve been putting off replacing your old, outdated, and inefficient windows for as long as possible. A window replacement project can be expensive and time consuming, and you’ll certainly want to do your research before deciding the type of windows you want and the company that will install them. If you’re determined to get the most out of your investment in terms of performance, aesthetic appeal, and energy efficiency, then you’re going to want to make well-informed choices. The last thing you want to do is settle for windows that won’t stand up to the elements or contractors that do shoddy installation work.

If you are wondering whether your windows are hurting your home’s thermal efficiency, you should look out for some telltale signs:

* Drafty windows – Windows that are losing their structural integrity, have poor weather-stripping, or have frames made from inferior materials can [allow outside air to enter the home](https://www.sunrisewindows.com/blog/drafty-windows/) (and vice-versa). This can force your home’s HVAC system to work overtime, shortening its lifespan and raising your monthly energy costs. When considering new windows, you should ask about a window’s air infiltration rating [(0.3 or below is the maximum allowable, but the best windows have a rating of .02 or less).](https://www.sunrisewindows.com/blog/replacement-window-efficiency/)
* Condensation – Whether on the inside or outside of the window, [condensation](https://www.sunrisewindows.com/blog/understanding-condensation-resistance-for-replacement-windows/) is a telling sign that a window is poorly insulated or is leaking air. Condensation, or ice in extremely cold temperatures, forms on the inside of a window when the glass is significantly cooler than the air around it. With multi-pane glass and [gas fills](https://www.sunrisewindows.com/blog/gas-filled-windows/), many of today’s state-of-the-art windows minimize this issue. Condensation that appears between the pieces of glass is a sign of [catastrophic seal failure](https://www.sunrisewindows.com/blog/window-spacer-system/), and should be covered by your manufacturer’s warranty.

In addition to improving weather protection and energy efficiency, replacing old windows can provide an undeniable [aesthetic boost](https://www.sunrisewindows.com/blog/in-the-eyes-of-the-beholder/) to your home and reduce maintenance requirements. Windows are one of the most prominent features of a home’s exterior, and when they’re faded, streaked, or noticeably deteriorating, they can hurt curb appeal. Replacement windows instantly upgrade your home’s exterior since they come in a variety of [attractive styles and colors](https://www.sunrisewindows.com/blog/arent-all-vinyl-replacement-windows-ugly-1/) and can be customized to fit your preferences.

Another prominent benefit of having new windows installed is a reduction in [maintenance](https://www.sunrisewindows.com/faqs/care-maintenance/) requirements. Many of today’s replacement windows feature [easy-clean glass](https://www.sunrisewindows.com/blog/in-the-eyes-of-the-beholder/) that only needs to be hosed off occasionally to stay looking like new. Additionally, modern frame materials, such as vinyl and composite, are engineered to resist fading, peeling, chipping, cracking, and warping, so they will stay looking like new for years and won’t need to be sanded, stained, or repainted.

New windows also make life a little bit more relaxed. They’re easier to open if you want to let a cool breeze into your home, and some styles feature sashes that fold inward to allow for easy cleaning. What’s more, their insulated construction helps to eliminate outside noise intrusion into your home. If you’re tired of listening to sirens, dogs barking, or your neighbor mowing the lawn, you can choose [noise reduction windows](https://www.sunrisewindows.com/blog/product-of-the-month-noise-reduction-glass-nrg/) with multi-pane glass packages. While there are many things that can affect the ability to hear outside noise, this glass can minimize unwanted outside noise.

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