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Window Buying Guide

How To Select The Best Windows For Your Home

Windows Are A Reflection of Your Lifestyle



Replacing your windows is a great way to boost your curb appeal, increase your energy efficiency, and improve the security of your home. New windows are easier to operate and clean, and can be customized to suit your needs.

Bavarian Window Works understands that it can be difficult to know where to start, what to prioritize, and what options are available. This Window Buying Guide will help you understand the anatomy of a window, window options and enhancements, and key considerations for your window replacement project.

After reviewing this guide, we recommend that you visit our showroom to view our selection of windows, meet our team, and get your project started!

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The Benefits of Installing New Windows



1. Boost The Value of Your Home

Enhance your curb appeal and benefit from an increased home value on resale. The Appraisal Institute of Canada estimates that your return on investment from new windows is 50-100%!¹

2. Improve Your Energy Efficiency

Special coatings will reduce solar gain in the summer and heat loss in the winter. This will help to reduce wear and tear on your home's HVAC system and reduce your energy bills.

3. Enhance Your Home's Security

Secure locking mechanisms, child safety latches, and advanced engineering will protect your family. Feel safe in your home knowing that your windows are secure and easy to operate.

4. Reduce Your Cleaning Time

Tilt-in options will make cleaning easier and save you time and effort. Select brands also include specialty coatings that enable the outside of the windows to clean themselves when it rains!

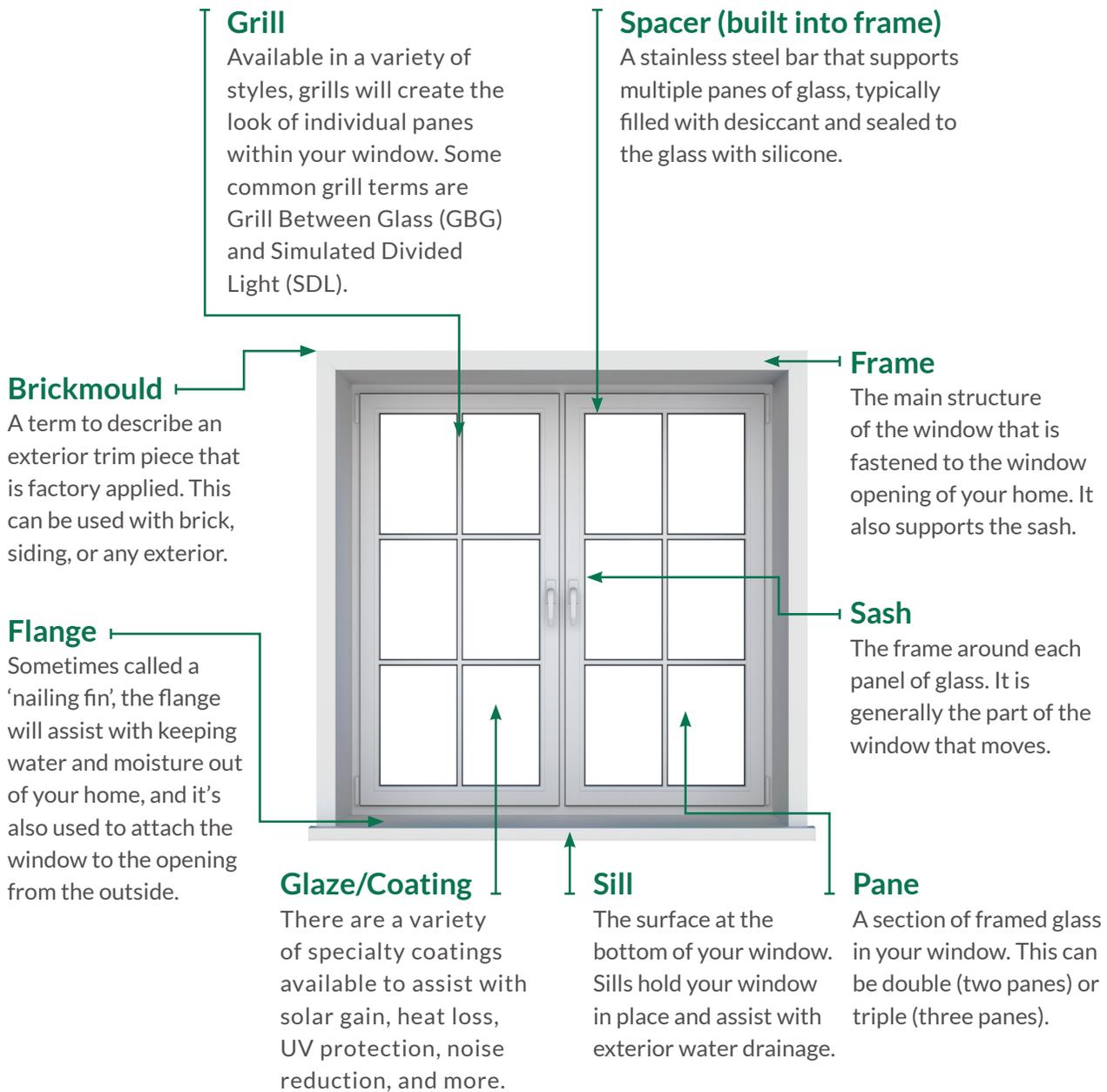
5. Increase Your Comfort

Reduce drafts in the winter, allow for fresh air in the warmer months with the latest screen technology, and dampen outside noise so you can enjoy peace and quiet in your home.

¹ https://canadianmortgagesinc.ca/information/home_improvements.html

Windows 101

Components of A Window







Types of Windows

Casement Window



A casement window is typically hinged at the top or bottom and opens outward, similar to a door. Casement windows provide superior ventilation and are operated by a crank at the bottom.

Single Hung & Double Hung Window



Single hung and double hung windows offer a traditional look and tilt-in functions to allow for easy cleaning. Single hung opens by sliding the lower section up and double hung allows for both the upper and lower sections to slide up and down.

Slider Window



A sliding window opens by sliding one sash from one side to the other, or in the case of a double slider, it has two sashes that slide from side-to-side. Sliders can also lift out or tilt in.

Picture Window



Picture windows are fixed-pane windows that provide views without obstructions from sashes. Available in a range of shapes and sizes, these windows can include grills or decorative design elements.

Awning Window



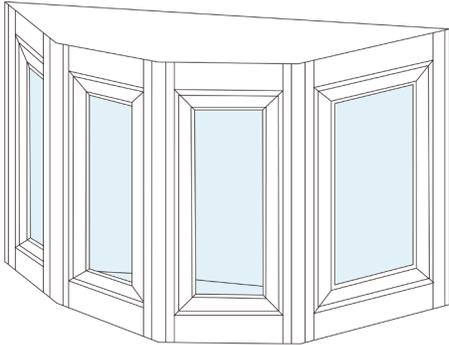
Hinged at the top, awning windows open outward from the bottom with a crank handle. Awning windows are ideal for allowing ventilation while offering protection from the rain.

Bay Window



Bay windows expand outward allowing for enhanced views. Typically, a central picture window is supported by two casement, single, or double hung windows for ventilation.

Bow Window



Bow windows enhance your view with a combination of four or five casement windows. Typically, bow windows are curved in an outward direction for your home and create a rounded exterior appearance.

Egress Window



An egress window opens easily from the inside without any keys, tools, or physical difficulties. The Ontario Building Code states that these types of windows must be in every bedroom of a suite, particularly in basements, to ensure all occupants have a point of exit, in case of a fire or other emergency.

Egress windows can be Hopper style (opening from the bottom) or Turn-In (swing in on a side hinge, like a door).

If you are renovating your home or adding a basement apartment suite, it is important to install an egress window.

If you are unsure if your egress window installation meets the Ontario Building Code requirements, contact a specialist at Bavarian Window Works.

Window Materials



There are more material options than ever for windows, ranging from vinyl to aluminum to hybrid. When selecting quality windows for your home, we suggest vinyl, wood, or hybrid materials.

The Benefits of Vinyl Windows:

- Built-in UV stabilizers prevent the colour from fading and material from breaking down.
- Good moisture resistance.
- Do not require painting or staining.
- Easy to clean.
- Available in a wide range of colours, styles, and sizes.
- Are less expensive than other window materials.

Window Materials



The Benefits of Wood Windows:

- Attractive with high curb appeal.
- Customizable and paintable/stainable.
- Accepted as 'historical replacement' for heritage homes.
- Environmentally friendly.
- Very durable with exterior aluminum cladding.

The Benefits of Hybrid Windows:

- Ability to choose different colours for the inside and the outside of the frame.
- Pairs the durability of the exterior with warmth/colour on the interior.
- Can select maintenance-free options for the exterior with paintable options for the interior, making it easy to update your space.
- Energy efficient.
- Low maintenance.

Energy Efficiency



New windows will improve your home's energy efficiency, make your home more comfortable, and save you money on your heating and cooling bills.

Window Glazing

In order to provide increased energy efficiency, windows come treated with all sorts of different kinds of glazing. Types of glazing will vary based on the brand, but generally they fall into three categories:

- 1. Double Glazing:** When you have a window with two panes of glass, this creates additional insulation and reduced glare.
- 2. Double Glazing On Low-e Glass:** Glass can have multiple coatings to assist with preventing heat loss, solar gain, and UV light.
- 3. Triple Glazing On Low-e Glass:** This is similar to double glazing, but adds an additional third glaze to further enhance the prevention of heat loss, solar gain, and UV light.

Window Design Options



Whether you are replacing existing windows, planning a renovation, or building a new home, there are many design options to consider. We offer the best solutions for your window replacements, including:

- **Historical:** To ensure the historical integrity and style of your home is maintained.
- **Traditional:** To refresh the look of your home while matching your current style.
- **Modern:** To update your home with the latest styles and trends.

Homeowners should ask themselves about the purpose of their windows. Do you want your new windows to...

1. Provide a great view.
2. Bring more natural light into your home.
3. Allow for more fresh air.
4. Enhance your space to be bright and welcoming, or more subdued and tranquil.
5. Increase your privacy.
6. Open in a particular fashion to accommodate your living space.
7. Reduce noise from the outside.
8. Reduce drafts to make your home more comfortable.
9. Keep the inside of your home cooler in the summer heat.

Window Design Options



In some cases, a window installation will allow you to achieve all of the concepts noted above, but it depends on your unique situation.

Bavarian Window Works offers an excellent selection of quality windows that are built to last, with quality service to match. Our team will assist you in finding the perfect windows for your home.

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