

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Making “Cents” Out Of Vinyl Window Choices

(NAPSA)—Vinyl windows are easy to maintain and they stand up to harsh weather conditions, pollution and the demands of daily use. But with the benefits come a few choices. Evaluating these options can seem overwhelming with so many styles and features to choose from.

Your primary decision—style—will dramatically affect your home’s interior and exterior look. Whether retrofitting an older home, or choosing windows for a new custom-built home, the style should fit the application, your home’s design, and your personal style preference.

Leading vinyl window manufacturers like CertainTeed, offer window choices for specific U.S. regions and a variety of home styles.

- Casement windows are optimal for applications where vertical wall space is at a premium. They open to the side, feature easy-to-use hardware, and allow for maximum light and air.

- Bay and Bow windows provide architectural interest from the exterior and can transform a room by adding space and a scenic view.

- Double-hung windows provide a more traditional look that blends well with many older homes.

- Slider windows are more contemporary and provide open views and excellent ventilation.

- Geometric windows are great for adding a point of interest to a room.

- Garden windows allow year-round gardening, focal interest and are a classic choice to complement any kitchen.

- Patio doors provide scenic viewpoints and easy access to outdoor living spaces.



Once you’ve decided on a style, compare the less obvious performance features. Getting the right energy efficiency, hardware and warranty features up front will assure a sound investment.

Ask the following:

1. What features do these windows offer that others don’t? Seek key features that meet your personal lifestyle preferences.

2. Do these windows feature energy efficient glazing or a third-party energy rating? For example, CertainTeed’s Thermaflex™ glazing offers energy efficiency that also blocks harmful UV rays and helps keep a home comfortable in varied climates.

3. Are these the best windows for the weather conditions in my neighborhood?

4. What about a warranty? No matter what style window you choose, it is critical to choose windows backed with a warranty.

Once you’ve done your homework, sit back, relax and enjoy the new view.

For more information on stylish and maintenance-free vinyl windows to fit your lifestyle, visit www.certainteed.com.