Is your home ready for new windows?

Overall cost to replace windows can be very steep, but it should be looked at as an investment, and you can reasonably expect your home's value to increase.

Before you estimate replacement costs, inspect your existing window frames for damage or rot from insects and moisture. If the window's frame is cracking, soft to the touch, or showing other signs of wear, it will need to be replaced. If it's still solid, you can opt to simply install new glass, which will save money. If you have to replace the wooden frames, expect your final price for installation and material to double.

Window Replacement Costs

Before you <u>construct a window-replacement</u> estimate, it's important to have a general idea as to where you plan on making a purchase.

Big-box stores may be the best option if you don't want to get "hands on." They'll generally have fair prices for material and great insurance, but the commission and installation costs may be high.

For a complete window installation, find a qualified contractor and window manufacturer.

For a standard-size, double-hung, double-pane (energy efficient), vinyl window, expect to pay

between \$450 and \$600, including installation.

Wood windows are more expensive. The cost of a wood replacement window can range between \$800 and \$1,000 per installation.

If the entire window and framing have to be removed down to the studs, be prepared to add at least \$50 to \$100 per installation. This is





referred to as "new construction" windows or "full-frame" replacement windows, and requires more work. Here are the your window options:

Double-Hung Windows

Double-hung windows are designed to be opened from top or bottom, which is great for hard-to-reach areas, and are generally the most inexpensive.

Tilt-Out Windows

Tilt-out windows fold in or out to reveal the glass's exterior, which allows it to be cleaned from inside your home. These types of windows are great for areas where exterior accessibility is limited, but they are typically more expensive than standard double-hung windows.

Double-Pane Glass

Double-pane glass is widely available with the different encasement types, but it does carry an enhanced cost. Double-pane glass features an airtight space that is filled with inert gas. This method of construction helps with climate control, and paired with a properly sealed home, you can expect to save on utility costs.

High-Performance Glass

You can get triple-pane windows for added savings, impact-resistant windows for areas of extreme conditions, or windows with shades built between the glass. These high-per formance glass types are the most expensive to procure, but the added benefits may be worth the extra cost.

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