

QUICK TIPS FOR WINDOWS

BEFORE you purchase replacement windows, call or visit the Development Services Department at City Hall [707-441-4160; planning@ci.eureka.ca.gov; Third Floor, 531 K Street, Eureka, CA 95501]. They will determine whether special review of the project is required.

Windows may only need to be repaired rather than replaced. See the windows handout to help you determine the best solution.

Wood windows should be replaced with windows of the same style and material. See the windows handout or refer to the Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines on Sustainability for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings: Windows.

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National Trust for Historic Preservation. Historic Wood Windows.

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What About Old Wooden Windows?



City of Eureka

The windows of the houses, even if the house is ramshackle, are always beautiful because windows represent light!

Mehmet Murat ildan

DID YOU KNOW?

Most of the heat loss in a home is not through windows. In a traditionally constructed wood-frame building, more heat escapes through the roof and uninsulated wall cavities than through the windows.

A historic wood window, when properly maintained and fitted with a storm window, can be just as energy efficient as a new window.

It could take 100 years or more for a vinyl or aluminum replacement window to pay for itself in energy savings.

REPAIR/RESTORE OR REPLACE?

The Secretary of the Interior's "Standards and Guidelines of Rehabilitation" for the treatment of historic structures always recommends repair vs. replace! Replacement should be a last resort.

Wooden and steel sash windows are character-defining features of historic buildings that add value to a building.

A historic wooden window has survived the "test of time" for 60-120 years, if repaired it can function another 60 years



DO THE MATH

- ♦ 8 windows on the house
- ♦ \$500 -1,000 for each replacement window unit
- ♦ Total costs for new windows: \$4,000-8,000
- ♦ Average savings gained from replacement windows (in comparison to similar, restored windows with storm windows): \$25.00 —50.00 per month
- ♦ The return on investment will take between 7 and 26 years.