

How to install replacement windows

Preparing opening for installation:

First remove the old sashes. A traditional double hung window has two sets of removable stops. All have inside stops that hold the lower sash in place, and side stops that separate the sashes. Pry off the inside stops carefully so you can reuse them. Cut the sash ropes and remove the lower sash, then pry out the side stops left and right and remove them. Remove the upper sash. Clean the opening from any debris.

Installation:

Temporarily hold the window in the opening to determine whether or not the head expander channel is needed. If the window fits snugly enough, the head expander may be removed before installation or trimmed for a better fit.

Apply a liberal bead of caulking on the inside of the blind stops at the top and both sides where the window frame will make contact. Place the window in the caulked opening by placing the inside lower edge on the outside sill tightly against the stool. Position the window into the opening. Determine if any wood shims are needed to keep the window plumb, square and centered in the opening.

Raise the bottom sash, and remove the 2 sash stops. Install a screw into the jambs at each side of the bottom of the window. Fasten the window in the same way at the top. Do not over tighten the screws (installation screw holes have been pre drilled).

Caulk inside of the window, top, bottom and sides where window meets wood. Replace the old window trim strips or install new strips. **It is recommended insulation be wrapped around entire unit before applying interior trim.**

Clean all contaminated building materials such as plaster, cement, paint, excess caulk and other debris from window to ensure proper operation.