

# Checklist for buying windows courtesy of [www.MakeYourHomeEnergyEfficient.com](http://www.MakeYourHomeEnergyEfficient.com)

**Type, number and size of windows to be replaced:**

**Example:**

2 Portrait Window 3' x 5' , 10' x 6' , \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Portrait Window \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Patio Door/Sliding Door \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ French Doors \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Bay Window \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Bow Window \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_

**Do any of the windows leak?**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes

Which ones \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ No

**Type of frame you would like:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Vinyl \_\_\_\_\_ Wood \_\_\_\_\_ Aluminum \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ Not Sure

**Number of panes you would like:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Double \_\_\_\_\_ Triple \_\_\_\_\_ Not Sure

**Desired special features:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Easy to Clean \_\_\_\_\_ Security Features \_\_\_\_\_ Specific Color

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Will you install your New Home Windows yourself or have them installed for you?**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will install them myself.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will have them installed by a professional.

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# Get at least 3 written estimates for your New Home Windows and record the following information:

**Company Name:**

**Price:**

**When can installation begin?**

less than 1 week  1-2 weeks  3-5 weeks

more than 5 weeks

**How long will this project take?**

Days  Weeks

**If the project takes more than one day, what precautions will be taken to protect the unfinished work while the installers are away?**

**How long is the warranty?**

Five-Year  Ten-Year  Twenty-Year  Lifetime

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Is the warranty transferrable if the home is sold?**

No  Yes

List any restrictions on transferring the warranty:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Are these windows Energy Star?**

Yes  No

(Energy Star products meet strict energy efficiency guidelines and will save energy.)

**What is the U Value?** \_\_\_\_\_

(The U value tells you how much heat passes through the glass. A lower U value means less heat gets through.)

**What is the Low E rating?** \_\_\_\_\_

(A Low E coating limits the amount of heat that passes through the glass. The lower the rating, the better the insulation.)

**Are these windows Eligible for an Energy Efficient Tax Break?**

Yes  No

Are there any special features/advantages to this company and its windows?

Are there any drawbacks/disadvantages of this company and its windows?