

Hints *For* Homeowners

Vinyl Windows Factor in Functionality

(NAPSA)—Window aesthetics can greatly affect your home's interior design and curb appeal. Choosing the right vinyl window can ease burdens such as faded furniture, volatile room temperatures, interior moisture and hard-to-clean glass. When selecting new or replacement windows for your home, don't overlook the function for the form. Consider the following factors in window functionality:

• **Cleaning convenience.**

Window cleaning no longer needs to be the laborious chore it once was. Look for windows that tilt inward and feature grids installed between the glass. Tilt-in sashes are designed for easy upkeep from inside, so no more climbing ladders to clean second-floor windows. Grids installed between the glass provide traditional style yet are much easier to wipe clean. Many say CertainTeed Bryn Mawr II™ vinyl windows, a recent Consumers Digest "Best Buy," are a good choice as they come with easy-clean features and classic aesthetic appeal.

• **Energy-efficient glass.**

Look for Low "E" (low-emissivity) glass for lower heating and cooling bills and for protection against UV damage. Thermafect®, a proprietary and proven glazing system offered in CertainTeed windows, combines Low "E" glass with advanced coating technology, insulating gas and a low-conductance spacer to deliver optimal heating and cooling performance.



It's been shown that you can save \$300 or more on average annually with Thermafect when replacing single-pane aluminum windows.

• **Condensation resistance.**

Well-designed windows not only help save money, but can limit condensation buildup on glass surfaces. Windows with a high condensation-resistance factor help prevent mold from infesting a home.

• **Locks and weather stripping.** Make sure locks not only blend well with the sash and frame but also provide a weather-tight seal. Good weather stripping should block water and dust from entering your home.

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