

# Hints *For* Homeowners

## What To Screen Out When Buying Screens

(NAPSA)—If your window and door screens have worn out, separated from the frame or torn, you may need to replace them.

Whether you install them yourself or choose a contractor to do the job, start the process by doing your homework. Learning more about screen quality can help you get the best deal.

Since all screens are not created equal, there are several factors to consider when selecting one:

- **A better view.** The latest screens are woven with smaller yarns, which can maximize the outward view.

For example, Phifer's BetterVue® screens have holes in between the yarns that are 30 percent smaller than those in the standard fiberglass insect screen, making them so sharp, you see the view, not the screen.

Not only do the smaller diameters enhance the view and allow more light in, they improve airflow and increase protection against small insects.

- **Fire safety.** Check to see that the screen has been certified as flame retardant.

- **Mildew and mold protection.** Choose a line with antimicrobial protection that can work 24/7 for an added level of defense against stain- and odor-causing microbes, such as mold and mildew that can damage your screens. Screens such as those made by Phifer now have Microban® protection built in.

- **Greener screens.** For example, BetterVue® Insect



**Making the holes in the yarns small can result in screens that offer superior visibility.**

Screening is certified by the Greenguard® Environmental Institute (GEI) for superior indoor air-quality performance. All products certified by GEI must pass a series of rigorous emissions tests and undergo quarterly tests as well as annual recertification to ensure their low-emission status is maintained.

These are also important features to consider when enclosing your patio or porch. Choose screens that offer superior visibility, attractive neutral tones to coordinate with your home and extra protection against insects.

If you are in the market for new windows, be sure to consider the screening that will be installed in those windows. If they don't already have BetterVue® pre-installed, ask for it.

For more information, visit the site at [www.phifer.com](http://www.phifer.com).