

## Windows 101

(NAPSA)—Keeping your home's windows in shape can close the door on high energy bills but allow fresh air to circulate and reduce indoor air pollutants. Try these tips:



**Sometimes a stuck window is an easy fix.**

- **Sticking Windows**—If a window is stuck, try pushing around the edges of the sash frame to loosen it before opening. Lubricating the channels with paraffin may help make them move more easily in the future. In casement windows, the hardware could be corroded and may need to be removed for cleaning.

- **Paint Job**—If windows are closed too soon after painting they become bonded to the frame. A slim knife inserted through the paint bond may free the window.

- **Replacements**—If windows are outdated or not functioning, replacement units are readily available. A replacement window has no casing around its exterior edge, permitting it to be inserted from inside the home without disturbing the exterior finish of the structure.

The above tips were offered by experts at HouseMaster, leaders in the home inspection industry. To learn more about windows and other areas of home maintenance, visit [www.housemaster.com/home-defects](http://www.housemaster.com/home-defects).