



Getting Started

Windows are openings to the world and contribute significantly to the interior and exterior of your home. Whether you're looking for new windows for improved energy efficiency or long-lasting, beautiful options for your new home, Curtis Lumber is the right place to start your window project!

How Do I Know I Need New Windows?

The first step in choosing windows is determining if you need them in the first place. Here are some good ways and simple tests to help you determine if new windows are right for you.

- You are constructing a new home, an addition or remodeling a room.
- You have a room that is too dark, has a large exterior wall, and needs natural light.
- Paint is peeling off the house near the existing windows
- Frost or ice forms on the windows
- Outside noise easily enters the home near windows
- Your windows feel drafty.
- The windows are difficult to open and close and do not stay open or closed
- The frames are rotting
- The windows are aesthetically unappealing
- When running a flashlight around the windows edge from the outside, light can be seen from the inside.
- You are looking to save money on your energy bill

Your local Curtis Lumber can help you to determine if your windows need to be replaced. Be sure to call or stop in for the answers to all your home improvement questions.

What are the Parts of a Window?

Windows are made up of a combination of parts that allow it to function as well have strength and stability.

These parts include:

Sash—The framework holding the glass in the window.

Jambs—Refers to side jambs and the head jamb. Side jambs are the vertical members of a window or doorframe and the head jamb is the horizontal member across the top.

Sill—The horizontal bottom of the window frame that is sloped away from the interior.

Pane—Also known as glazing, this is the glass portion of the window. It can also be made out of other transparent materials

Frame—Parts of a window that are assembled together to enclose the sash. These parts are then placed into and attached to the rough opening.

Mullion—The vertical or horizontal member separating windows in a series. It is the typical way multiple windows are joined together within one opening.

Stool—The projecting shelf-like piece at the bottom of a window which rests on the apron.

Stop—Trim that prevents an operable window sash from moving laterally or vertically.

