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### **New or Replacement Windows: A Smart Investment**

Windows are the eyes of a home, letting in light and displaying an owner's pride to the outside world. Yet new or replacement windows are often inexplicably low on a homeowner's to-do list. Offering an immediate impact to the look of a home, increased function, and valuable energy efficiency, new or replacement windows are so important, the federal government is even offering a tax credit of up to \$1500 to anyone willing to make the investment. So don't sit around while your existing windows deteriorate, take advantage of the situation and get new or replacement windows for your home.

In addition to a fresh look, new or replacement windows offer several advantages to a home. In addition to complementing air sealing features, ENERGY STAR rated windows can help a home save up to 20% on heating and cooling bills. These windows fit perfectly within existing frames, and offer double-paned glass with special "low-E" coating for even more insulation and energy savings. Some windows even offer shatter resistant glass for safety and security.

A professional can install a replacement for any windows, including uniquely-shaped or bay windows. For rooms that are just too stuffy, new windows can be added to already existing walls. Your professional should also be able to complement new windows with equally stylish and energy efficient doors. Complete with designer glass, modern doors offer classic looks, like natural wood grain patterns, are made of durable fiberglass, and will further enhance the new look of your home. New windows and doors are also available for older or historic homes.