

RESIDENTIAL WINDOW REPLACEMENT INFORMATIONAL HANDOUT



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Q. Do I need to apply for a permit to replace existing doors and windows?

A. Yes. MN Rule requires a permit when an owner or contractor intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure.

Q. Are there any code requirements I should be aware of when replacing windows?

A. There are several building code requirements that must be complied with when replacing a window to ensure safety glazing is provided in all necessary locations.

1. Any glass within 24 inches of either side of a door must be safety glazing when the bottom edge of the glass is less than 60 inches above the adjacent floor surface.
2. All glazing within doors must be safety glazing.
3. Any single pane of glazing within 18 inches of the walking surface and greater than 9 square feet must be safety glazing.
4. Any glazing installed within bathing areas that is less than 5 feet above the adjacent floor must be safety glazing.
5. Any glazing adjacent to stairways, landings, and ramps that are within 36 inches of the walking surface when the glass is less than 60 inches above the walking surface must be safety glazing.
6. Any glazing within 5 feet of the bottom of a stairway must be safety glazing, whether the stairway is on the interior or exterior of the building.

Q. Are there any Energy Code requirements that apply to replacement windows?

A. Replacement windows are required by the Minnesota State Energy Code to provide a maximum U-factor of 0.32. The lower the U-factor, the more energy efficient the window will be. This information can typically be found on one of the stickers on the pane of a new window.