

The Pros and Cons of Vinyl Windows

PROS

- Vinyl windows are more energy-efficient than the best wood window options.
- Vinyl lasts longer than wood and does not rot or split and splinter.
- Because uPVC does not conduct heat and cold well, it's a better insulator than wood.
- Vinyl is extraordinarily resistant even to extreme weather conditions.
- Vinyl windows have wood grain finishes that last far longer than on wood finishes.
- uPVC is a stable construction-grade compound that does not warp.
- The lowest-maintenance material of any window framing option.
- Wood-like finishes are available in shades of oak and walnut.
- Most scratches can be polished back to a smooth finish with minimal effort.
- Buying vinyl windows is more cost-efficient than wood alternatives.
- Vinyl windows are easy to work with, now preferred over wood by residential developers.

CONS

- It looks like wood but is not actual wood.
- Fire-resistant vinyl windows can melt from prolonged exposure to fire.

The Pros and Cons of Wood Windows

PROS

- Wooden windows allow full restoration of a home in its original material.
- Wood adds value to traditional construction designs.
- It has a beautiful aesthetic quality equal to its vinyl wood-look equivalent.

CONS

- Wood window material is more expensive than other types.
- Wood frames are less energy-efficient than vinyl.
- Wood frames rot, swell, warp, crack, and splinter.
- Stains and scratches require special repair work to eliminate.
- Wood windows are more difficult to insulate than other framing types.
- Routine maintenance is expensive and can be difficult to keep up with.
- Repairing wood windows is more expensive than for vinyl frames.
- Exteriors of wood windows require sanding and repainting every few years.
- Wood is much heavier, which makes it more difficult to manage during construction.
- Wood is highly flammable, and is actually used as fuel for fire.

So, Vinyl or Wood Windows – Which are Best for My Home?

Construction-grade vinyl can be molded to create beautiful wood-grain window frames that are more durable, more energy-efficient, and more economical overall than wooden models. Wood will always have the singular distinction of *being* wood. By contrast, however, vinyl wood-look window frames will always provide much greater benefits in high efficiency, freedom from intensive maintenance, a longer lasting finish, and equal beauty to wood.

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