How to Choose Replacement Window Types: Window Pros and Cons by Avimarvin

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You've heard the terms casement, double hung, and glider on window commercials, but do you know the differences between these windowtypes? When considering replacement windows, having this information can help you make the right choice.

Double Hung Windows are typically considered the most traditional in appearance. These windows have two sashes (the parts that move to open and close a window). The lower sash is usually lifted to open a double hung.

Casement Windows open like a door, with a single sash that swings on hinges. Usually casement windows crank out, but some can be opened simply by pushing and pulling thesash.

Glider Windows (also known as Sliders) also have two sashes like a double hung, but rather than raising and lowering them to operate the window, the sashesslide side-to -side.

An Open and Shut Case

If you have old double hung windows that are hard to reach, large or heavy, they may be difficult to open or close, especially for elderly or physically challenged family members. Casements are considered easier toopen than double hungs. A great alternative is replacing your old double hungs with casements, and if you choose the right window brand, casements can be made to resemble the look of a double hung. An advantage of the glider or slider window is that when it's open, it does not protrude from the house, posing a traffic hazard in an area such as a patio or porch where your family passes close by your windows. Glider windows are often placed over a hard to reach areas, such as kitchen sinks.

Seal of Approval

Energy efficiency is an important feature you don't want to sacrifice for convenience. Here are some considerations. Casement windows are most likely to provide the best energy efficiency because they can be closed the most tightly. In addition, because of their design, the gasket around the window's perimeter provides the best seal to keep out both cold drafts and summer heat alike. Gliders and double hungs tend allow slightly more air leakage because the two sashes must be slightly loose in order to slide back and forth in their tracks. However, not all brands are alike. Look for windows with a foam "bulb" type seal rather than those than the more commonly used fuzzy weatherstripping to ensure your getting the most energy efficient replacement windows.

Easy Breezy Ventilation

The casement is a winning design if ventilation is your goal. Since the entire sash opens, it allows in the most air, as opposed todouble hungs and sliders. In addition, the sash tends to act as a window scoop, if the hinges are properly located to capture the prevailing winds during the "open window" months. Double hungs have the advantage of allowing you to open only the top of the window. This can be a safety consideration, as well as providing privacy and blocking outside noise.

These are just some consideration when choosing your new windows. Fortunately, you can choose to use more than one type for your home. Consulting a professional window expert to evaluate your home is a great way to ensure you'll get the right results.

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