

Through the Looking Glass...

Basic Window Care and Repair.



If anyone ever doubts the power of marketing, please look no further than the inordinate amount of people that change their windows in commercial buildings in the hope of obtaining an "energy efficiency" advantage. You will, of course, eventually receive an energy savings from your expenditure (after an average of 63 years), but it is often better to visit your local Mark II Lumber, Water's True Value or Bluestem Farm & Ranch supply to pick up some basic tools that allow for the reconstruction of existing windows. In some instances, a break or a crack in a window can cause a safety based need to make a window change quickly, but in a general maintenance situation it is advisable to repair and reuse (in most instances). The following links are a guide to window information for homes and commercial properties.

The first step in caring for windows in an older commercial building or home is understanding their basic anatomy and care. [Click here for fact sheet from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.](#)

[The State office of Historic Preservation has a series of video's and tips for window repair you can check out by clicking HERE.](#)



[Click HERE for a resource guide to unique windows and their importance to building aesthetics \(along with "how to" links\).](#)

[Do you want to make your existing windows more energy efficient? Click HERE to find out how...](#)

[Why does keeping older windows viable matter?](#)

[An Emporia Main Street Guide to painting buildings, window treatments/awnings, signs and window displays.](#) (You may have to rotate your view of this document counter clockwise to view in screen).



Why communicate proper techniques to repair existing buildings? Well, because without proper upkeep things degrade, and sometimes things start to degrade to the point where your time frame to actually fix the problem gets compressed and you have to obtain a quick solution. "Quick" and "proper" are not two words often used together. By understanding basic maintenance, you can maintain appropriate building aesthetics (which will help you sell your products or services) AND keep costs down (basic maintenance is generally much cheaper than replacement). If you do have to replace, please make sure your replacement items fit the original look and feel of the building as much as possible. Just like clothes that are too big or too small, things that don't fit correctly on a building have a tendency to gain negative attention.

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