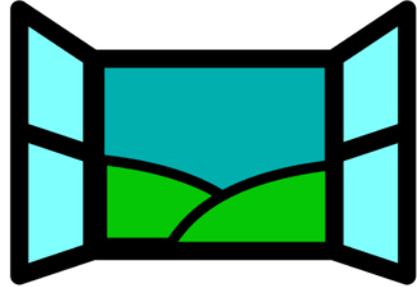


WINDOW REPLACEMENT (RESIDENTIAL)



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PERMITS

Permits are required when replacing or installing windows. When filling out the permit application, it is important to specify if the existing windows will be replaced with the same size windows or if the window opening size will be changed.

PLAN SUBMITTAL DOCUMENTS

- Completed permit application.
- Additional information MAY be required with the application if you are installing larger or smaller sized windows.

LIST OF INSPECTIONS

- Framing Inspection: required only when replacing windows with larger-sized windows, smaller-sized windows, or installing a window in a new location. This inspection is done when the window is installed but the framing is still visible.
- Final Inspection: when project is completed.

GENERAL CODE REQUIREMENTS

- A basement must have at least one (1) egress window. Each bedroom must have at least one (1) operational egress window. There are minimum area, height, width, and operational requirements for egress windows. Please refer to the handout for Egress/Escape Windows.
- When the new windows are installed, the Minnesota Building Code requires the dwelling to be updated to the current smoke alarm requirements. There must be:
 - One (1) smoke alarm in each sleeping room.
 - One (1) smoke alarm outside of each sleeping room in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms.
 - One (1) carbon monoxide alarm within 10 feet of all sleeping rooms.
 - One (1) smoke detector on each level of the home not already covered by the previously required locations.