

Windows for Cleveland Landmarks and Districts

Cleveland Landmarks Commission

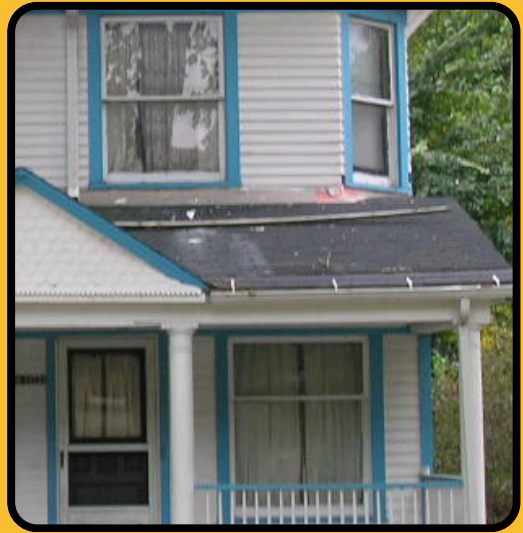


Repair

Original windows should be maintained and repaired where possible. Weatherization options are possible to have an energy efficient home without complete window replacement.

“In Kind” Replacement

If a window is beyond repair or has failed, a new window should incorporate or retain the same size, shape, style, and grid pattern of the original to replicate the appearance of the original window. Replacing an original wood window with a new vinyl one is not considered “in kind” replacement.



Decorative Windows

Decorative windows should be retained and repaired whenever possible. Leaded glass, stained glass, decorative mullions, and unique shapes are important features to keep

Keep in Mind

Think about the grid pattern and configuration when looking for replacement windows. Interior grids or grids between glass layers should be avoided



Permits are Required

Before window replacement work begins, a permit must be issued from the Cleveland Department of Building and Housing

Design Review Process



Window replacements on primary facades, new vinyl windows, impact to decorative windows, new materials and configurations, or removal/addition of windows will require design review - Landmarks Staff can assist with scheduling

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WINDOW REPLACEMENT

Repair is the preferred option over complete replacement. More information on window replacement can be found in the Residential Window Repair and Replacement Guide. If the proposed window replacement meets the criteria, Landmarks staff can administratively approve it.

WINDOW REPLACEMENT CRITERIA:

- Use of aluminum-clad wood, fiberglass, composite, aluminum/metal materials or matching original window material on front or primary facades with matching configuration and exterior grid/muntin patterns to original/existing
- Does not include the use of vinyl or vinyl-clad wood on front or primary facades
- Does not include the removal of decorative or specialty windows

Depending on the scope of work, a project may need to be reviewed through the Landmarks Commission Design Review process to receive a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Design Review Advisory Committee

Design Review Advisory Committees are organized by region and meet at regularly scheduled dates/times on the 1st and 3rd weeks of each month. These Committees are advisory to the Landmarks Commission.

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Projects are presented to the Landmarks Commission after they have been reviewed by the appropriate Design Review Advisory Committee. The Landmarks Commission meets at a regularly scheduled time on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.

Landmarks Commission staff coordinates Design Review Advisory Committee meetings and will provide detail on what is required for the meetings.

