Do-It-Yourself vs Professional Window & Door Installation

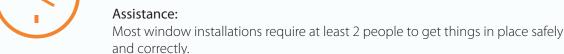






Do it Yourself





Damage Personal injury: Most do-it-yourselfers will be prone to injury unless they have specialized training

for lifting heavy materials, working with heights, and specialized tools.



Product damage: If you break it, you pay for the repairs or replacement and you could also void the product warranty.

Property damage: There are lots of ways to damage property when installing windows - accidents happen, and when they do, household insurance probably won't cover it. So you'll be

out of pocket for any damage done. You will also need to protect your furniture and

common to find leaks, rot, mould, hazardous materials, missing structural components or poor construction practises - all of which will need to be taken care of in order to



Preparation: Preparation is an important step to the installation process. It is also an opportunity to fix items that may not have been put in place correctly in the first place. It is not un-

can also cause performance and operation of windows.

the inside of your home from dust and waste materials.

Incorrect installation

ensure the health and longevity of the new installation.



Window installation is not terribly complicated, but it does have to be done according to some standard practices. The overtightening of screws can lead to bends and bows in the frame as well as problems with operational windows. Screws (or wrong-sized screws) in the wrong places and blockage of weeping holes can cause window leakage and breaks. Overinflation of foam insulation or the incorrect type of insulation



Tools, equipment and materials: Window installation can require specialized tools including ladders, scaffolding, benders, suction cups and even cranes for bigger windows. Adhesive tapes, vapour barriers,

Bends, bows and poor practices:

cialized tools that may not be in the arsenal of an average do-it-yourselfers toolbox. Warranty: The incorrect installation of new windows may void any product warranty you may have and you will need to take care of the expenses and materials required for any installation problems that may occur in the future.

caulking and flashings may also be required and in some cases will require other spe-



You'll have to finish the inside and outside of each window on your own (capping, caulking, trim, insulation materials)

Finishing

your own cleanup.

Cost

Time

the year.

Property insurance:

when they are done.

Damaged products:

Working with heights:

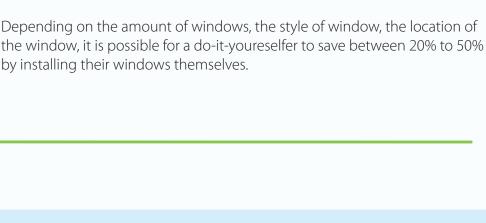
Product training:

Renovation training:

Cleaning and waste disposal Once the installation is complete, you will need to dispose of your old windows and

all other waste materials to the appropriate disposal facilities. You will also need to do

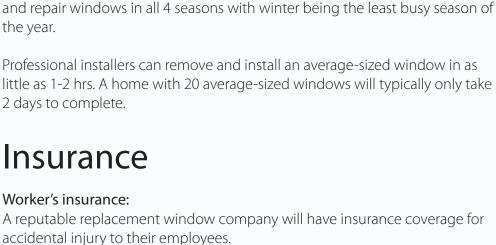






Professional Installation

Experienced professional installers work in teams and are fast, proficient and attentive to detail. Some window replacement companies efficiently install



cover accidental damage to a customer's home.

Protection Your home:

Installers will protect your home with tarps and floor mats, they'll make all necessary machine cuts outside your home, and they'll clean everything up

If a product is damaged through the installation process (glass, hardware, window framing...) the installation company will fix or replace the window at

A reputable replacement window company will have insurance coverage to

Labour warranty: Some companies provide labour and material warranties on defective installations performed by their installation crews.

no charge.

correct and efficient. Training & professionalism

All window replacement companies in Ontario are required to have their

All installers are typically trained in the proper installation procedures for each

Installers typically have a truck full of tools and installation materials to ensure that the removal of old windows and the installation of new windows will be



Trained installers know how to deal with hidden problems that may be uncovered during the removal stage.

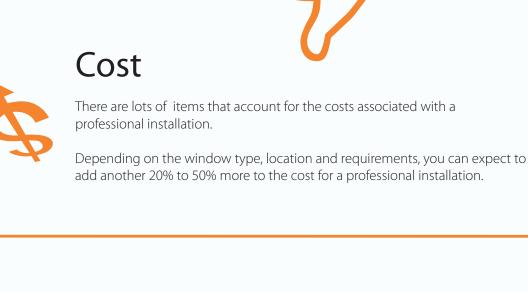
Waste disposal

installation crews trained for working with heights.

brand and type of window or door, they are installing.

Tools & materials

A good replacement window company will clean up thoroughly and dispose of all waste including the old windows to an appropriate waste disposal facility.



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