

Window Replacement Requirements

Existing Single and Two Family Dwellings

If a new window is installed a permit will be required and the window will need to comply with the Minnesota State Building Code.

Smoke detectors shall be installed on each level and in every bedroom.

Storm window may be installed over existing glazing without any additional requirements.

Glazing or repairs to windows may be made without any additional requirements.

Entire window units replaced must have an insulation value of U-0.37 maximum.

Safety glazing shall be required for the following windows:

1. Windows within 2 feet of any door.
Exceptions:
 - a. Windows over 60 inches above walking surface
 - b. Windows with an intervening wall or barrier between the door and the window.
 - c. Windows in walls perpendicular to the plane of the door in a closed position other than the wall toward which the door swings when opened.
 - d. Access through the door is to a closet less than 3 feet in depth.
2. Windows within five feet of the bottom of stairs and within 60" of the floor.
3. Windows within five feet of the top of stairs and within 36" of the floor.
4. Windows along the side of the stairs and within 36" of the floor.
5. Windows in a shower, bathtub
6. Windows within 6 feet of a hot tub or pool.
7. Windows with over 9 square feet of glazing that are within 18 inches of a walking surface.

Replacement windows in sleeping rooms are allowed to meet the following:

The existing height and width net clear opening shall not be reduced unless the replacement window is the manufacture's largest standard size window, of the same type, that will fit within the existing frame or rough opening.

Exception: Reduction in its size is not allowed when any of the following conditions apply:

1. The rooms or areas are used for any Minnesota state licensed purpose.
2. The window is required to be replaced by the Robbinsdale Rental Licensing Code.

Windows over 72 inches above grade shall be a minimum of 24 inches above the floor or shall be provided with a code approved guardrail.