

Maintain the Beauty of Wood Windows

Whether you're a vintage homeowner, own a historical building, or any structure that contains wood windows, you may have felt that you were fighting a losing battle against dryrot, drafts, condensation, and rising energy costs. There are efficient and affordable ways to renew your wood windows without spending five figures for new windows and losing the original look of the structure.

Wood windows have always had a reputation for quality and luxury; but since the mid 1980s, wood windows manufactured with pine lumber have been struggling with mold and rotting wood issues. Removing the rotting wood is a must. Original profile, premium fir products replace the rotting components while retaining the original beauty of your windows and producing lasting value at a fraction of the cost of replacing them.

Vintage windows are beautiful and capture the past. However, drafty windows, condensation on glass, and rising energy costs have consumers looking for ways to insulate or update their existing windows without replacement. Two products and services provide the answer for all styles of vintage windows: The slim line insulating pane (SLIP) and conversions, which involves converting a single pane sash to accept an insulated pane of glass. Both products will retain the vintage window frame and sash. In addition, both services address rotten and broken wood, as well as operational issues of windows that won't stay open, won't close, or that may have been painted shut for years. Just imagine, your same old windows, but now they are weather-tight,

insulated, and fully functional.

The SLIP is an additional panel added to each sash, retaining the original window glass. SLIPs were designed for vintage windows with leaded glass or true divided lights and for the consumer who wants to keep the original distorted glass appearance. SLIPs will update the vintage window to a more current standard for energy efficiency and operability. The SLIP will protect and preserve the glass and glazing by shielding it from the weather, reducing water penetration and condensation.

If the original glass or wavy glass is less important than maximizing energy

efficiency, then conversion would be a great choice. The conversion process removes the existing single pane of glass and routs out the sash to accept the wider thickness of insulated glass. This gives the customer choices of decorative beveled, leaded, or stained glass or of keeping the original look with energy-efficient glass.

Chosen Wood Window Maintenance works from locations in Portland and Seattle and travels throughout the Northwest. Because of their commitment to reuse existing windows, Chosen is recognized as a green company. They work on any wood window and most doors dating from the 1900s to current products. For more information or to schedule an evaluation of your wood windows, you can call 888-317-7584, e-mail chosen1@canby.com, or visit their website at www.ChosenWWM.com

