

New Windows For Natural Light, Beauty and Privacy

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Try to imagine a kitchen or bathroom without natural daylight. Many older homes were designed with very small window openings for the rooms which are at the center of a family's daily needs. These are the rooms that benefit most from an increase in natural light.

Americans are expressing a desire for more natural light made possible by new energy-saving components in windows and skylites. Now picture yourself in a Jacuzzi bath with a venting skylite above letting in warm rays of sunlight or even moonlight.

Think of your kitchen wall opening a view of your backyard through an energy-saving bow window. What a way to enjoy your Special K!

The energy crunch brought new government regulations dictating energy-efficiency guidelines for windows and glassed areas of walls and ceilings. These regulations challenged designers and manufacturers to bring to the market improved energy-saving products.

In accomplishing this goal, they

succeeded in developing window glass which not only cuts heat loss, but at the same time adds to the quality of American life. From a lighting standpoint, increased natural light improves visibility for daily activities. Colors are seen in their true brilliance under natural light. Everyone seems to get a psychological lift from a greater view of the outdoors.

Technological improvements in insulated glass panels with energy-saving Low E coatings have been proven to cut heat loss up to 66 percent compared with single glazing. The Comfort E coating functions like a "traffic cop," letting in warm winter sun while blocking heat loss. Eighty-three



percent of the free solar heat is retained in the room to reduce fuel costs.

When considering the purchase of a skylite to be fitted into an existing roof, consult an expert in window installation. For this type of remodeling, use the best products and hire a reputable window dealer for the installation.

Most people recognize the benefit of an expanded view or necessity for more natural light. When planning your new kitchen or bath, make sure your contractor includes plans for new windows and skylites to add warmth, light and enjoyment to your new home, addition or remodeling project.



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