

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT REPLACEMENT WINDOWS

There are many reasons Canadians decide to replace their existing windows. Fogged-up glass, rotting and cracked frames, drafty and inoperable sashes are just some of the issues that top the list. Despite rising energy costs, and environmental awareness, architectural details and style are stronger motives for some. Thank-fully with today's energy efficient windows consumers shouldn't have to choose style over performance.

Replacement windows and doors are now available in a wider variety of materials and finishes than ever before. Fiberglass and composite materials are the relative newcomers, but vinyl and wood products still dominate the market.

Choosing the right product is still only one of many choices the consumer must make. Many home improvement companies favor an "insert" style of installation, where the new window is fastened directly into the old window frame. This is a quicker and less expensive option because very little carpentry is involved. The preferred installation involves removing the entire window to the rough opening, and replacing everything

including the interior mouldings. Older homes with large mouldings or brick and block construction may be better with the insert method.

A reputable company should be able to inform the homeowner of their options and provide solutions that perform well and add to the home's architecture. A good window is only as good as it's installation, so always check references and if possible visit completed projects.

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An all-candidates meeting for the Oak Ridges-Markham riding will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Brother Andre Catholic High School in Markham.

The event is hosted by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce, the Markham Board of Trade and the Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce.

Questions can be submitted at the meeting.

Oak Ridges-Markham, new provincially but the same as the federal riding of the same name, includes all of Whitchurch-Stouffville and parts of Markham, Rich-

mond Hill and King. Brother Andre is on 16th Avenue between Hwy. 48 and Ninth Line.

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