



**Replacement windows are called “replacement” for a reason.** Manufacturers often offer lifetime warranties for their windows. What they don't make clear is that 30% of the time, a replacement window will be replaced within 10 years. *Rypkema, 2006*



**More heat is typically lost through your roof and un-insulated walls than through your windows.** Adding just 3 and 1/2 inches of insulation in your attic can save more energy than replacing your windows and will likely cost less. *Rypkema, 2006*



**If your wood windows are 60 years old or older, chances are that the wood they are made of is old growth,** dense and durable wood that is now scarce. Even high-quality new wood windows, except for mahogany, won't last as long as historic wood windows.



Studies have demonstrated that **a historic wood window, properly maintained, weather-stripped and with a storm window, can be just as energy efficient as a new window.** *Sedovic, 2005*



**Each year, Americans demolish 200,000 buildings. That is 124 million tons of debris, or enough waste to construct a wall 30 feet high and 30 feet thick around the entire U.S. coastline.** Every window that goes into the dump is adding to this problem. *Hadley, 2006*



According to studies, **it can take 240 years to recoup enough money in energy savings to pay back the cost of installing replacement windows.** *Calculations by Keith Heberern available at [www.historichomeworks.com/hhw/education/windowshandout/windowenergyanalysis.pdf](http://www.historichomeworks.com/hhw/education/windowshandout/windowenergyanalysis.pdf)*



**Replacement windows that contain vinyl or PVC are toxic to produce and create toxic by-products.** Installing these in your house is not a 'green' approach. *Sedovic, 2005*



**Historic windows are an important part of what gives your older building its character.**



With a little bit of practice, **it can be easy—and inexpensive—to repair and maintain your windows.**



Not a DIY-er? There are people near you who can do it for you. **Hiring a skilled tradesperson to repair your windows fuels the local economy and provides jobs.** *Rypkema, 2006*

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