

Window Types

There are five basic types of windows found in most homes. Though there are types other than those listed here, most other types are basically similar to the main five. And, in each of the four operating types, there are the same basic parts. Glass that permits light to enter without regard to the weather; sashes that hold the glass and open and close to allow ventilation; a frame that anchors the window unit to the wall; and hardware that operates and/or locks the sash. In the stationary type, the similarity involves the glass and the frame/sash combination.

Each type of window has a different operating mechanism and a few special parts. And in each type the parts and hardware fit together a little differently, and serve slightly different functions.

There are five basic window types of windows listed with definitions and similar types:

- Up and Down Sash includes Double Hung and Single Hung
- Slider where the Sash slide to right or left and can be single slide or multiple sliding sash
- Casement and Awning which swing out from the sides or up from the top or down from the bottom and include jalousie and hopper type windows
- Fixed Panel such as a Picture Window or Side-Lite
- Architectural Shapes which can be curved or angled