



RESIDENTIAL WINDOW REPLACEMENT ***2022 WINDOW REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS***

Replacing existing windows in existing houses requires a building permit whenever:

- The window frame is altered -Note: the window frame consists of the header, king stud, cripple stud, sill and associated supports, **OR...**
- The existing flashing is altered; for example: when removing a nailing fin of an existing window, **OR** ...
- The exterior wall finish is removed; for example: when stucco is removed to remove an existing window, **OR ...**
- Any insert or retrofit windows...

2022 California Existing Building Code Part 10

Section 505.3 Replacement Window Emergency Escape and Rescue Openings

Where windows are required to provide emergency escape and rescue openings in Group R-2 and R-3 occupancies and one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses regulated by the California Residential Code, replacement windows shall be exempt from the requirements of Section 1031.3 (Emergency Escape and Rescue Openings) of the California Building Code and Section R310.2 (Emergency Escape and Rescue Openings) of the California Residential Code, provided that the replacement window meets the following conditions:

1. The replacement window is the manufacturer's largest standard size window that will fit within the existing frame or existing rough opening. The replacement window shall be permitted to be of the same operating style as the existing window or a style that provides for an equal or greater window opening area than the existing window.
2. Where the replacement of the window is part of a change of occupancy, it shall comply with Section 1011.5.6.