

Window Style Selection Guide

Casement vs Double-Hung Windows

This guide helps you choose between casement and double-hung windows for each room in your home, covering ventilation, cleaning, energy performance, cost, and style.

Casement vs Double-Hung: Feature Comparison

Feature	Casement	Double-Hung
Ventilation	Up to 100% of opening	Up to 50% of opening
Seal quality	Excellent (compression seal)	Good
Cleaning ease	Harder from inside	Easy (tilt-in sashes)
Cost premium	10-20% higher	Standard pricing
Energy efficiency	Slightly better seal	Good with quality WS
Security	Excellent when locked	Good
Style fit	Modern, contemporary	Traditional, craftsman
Screen placement	Interior screens	Exterior screens
Operation	Crank handle	Lift sash

Room-by-Room Recommendation

Bedroom

Either works. Double-hung for high windows (easier cleaning). Casement for maximum ventilation on ground floor.

Kitchen

Casement. Cross-ventilation is important. Crank operates with one hand when your hands are busy.

Bathroom

Casement. Crank open for ventilation while maintaining privacy. Easier to operate with wet hands.

Living/dining room

Casement. Unobstructed views and full ventilation. Cleaner sightlines without the horizontal sash rail.

Second floor (any room)

Double-hung. Tilt-in cleaning from inside is much safer and easier at height.

Heritage/older home

Double-hung. Matches the architectural language of most pre-1980s Canadian homes.

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