

FULL TEAR-OUT VS RETRO-FIT

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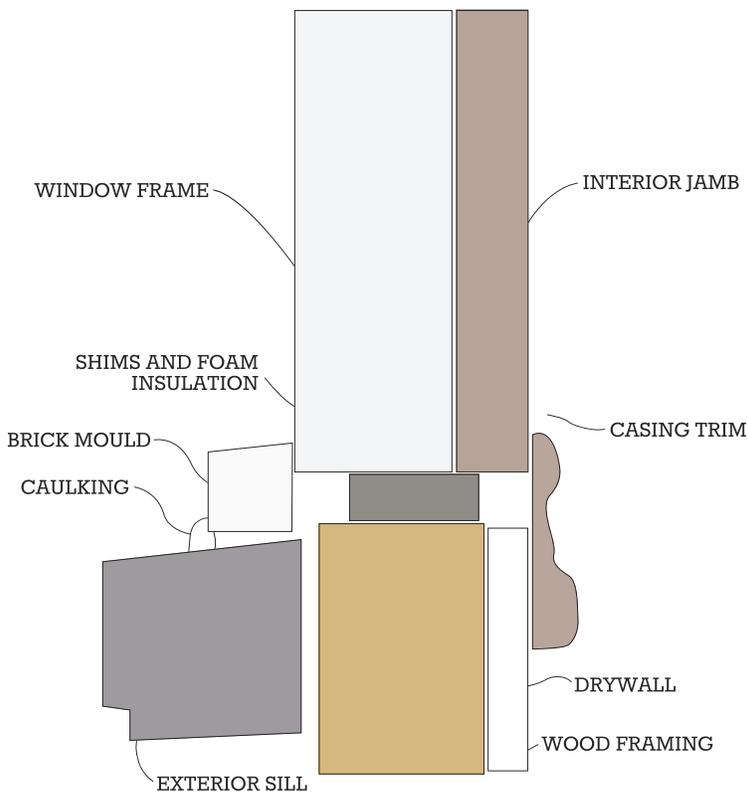
Maximum glass area, completely remove old window and frame.

Completely insulated, no chance for drafts, giving maximum efficiency from new window.

Maximum lifespan of new window due to proper shimming and fastening to wall. No sagging.

New jambs and casing installed with window giving a truly fresh look.
Customer responsible for painting

Exterior of window fits to edge of brick or siding requiring only caulking.
Very neat!



RETRO-FIT

New window installed into existing window frame.

Only insulated between new window and existing frame, possible draft between old frame and wall
Often not insulated at all

Window can only be shimmed and fastened to old frame, now all the weight from new heavier window is point loaded in specific spots causing possible sagging and malfunction.

Existing casing and jambs remain.
Depending on age and style of home, this can be more desirable to maintain appearance of trim.

Exterior of old window frame covered with aluminum capping. This gives appearance of totally new window, however if old frame is rotten, this is only a band-aid and should be a full tear-out

