

Secondary glazing offers an alternative to householders who don't want to or are unable to replace their existing single-glazed windows with more energy efficient double glazing.

Secondary glazing provides some of the benefits of double glazing in terms of helping to prevent heat loss, providing sound proofing and sealing draughts, but at a reduced cost and level of disturbance than installing new windows.

Temporary transparent film secondary glazing

This thin clear plastic film is one of the most popular and inexpensive forms of secondary glazing and can easily be installed by a householder. Double sided tape is applied to around the frame of the window, allowing the film to be attached and shrink-wrapped into place with



hot air from a hair dryer to provide a taught, wrinkle free and clear appearance.

The main drawback of this form of secondary glazing is that while it can reduce unwanted draughts, the film material will not help to insulate the property. It also prevents the windows from being opened and once removed the film material cannot be reused.

Temporary 'lift-out' secondary glazing

Sheets of specialist clear acrylic plastic can be fitted to the frame of the window using magnetic strips or a fastening tape similar to Velcro to enable the panels of secondary glazing to be easily removed and reinstalled with the changing seasons.

Although more expensive than the basic film material, this is still relatively inexpensive, easy to install and will make the windows more energy efficient by reducing heat loss.

Semi-permanent secondary glazing

This option of secondary glazing uses heavier panes of glass or acrylic mounted in a frame which is fixed to the window frame by screws or



Windows in period properties

If you live in a listed building or conservation area there may be restrictions on what you can do to your windows. For this reason secondary glazing can be a good alternative to replacing your windows, although you should check with your local council to discuss your options before carrying out any work.



strong adhesive. This form of glazing can include sliding or hinged panels, enabling the windows behind the secondary glazing to be opened but is best left to a professional glazing installer.

The most energy efficient forms of secondary glazing could help you save up to £100 a year on your heating bills.



Heavy lined curtains, shutters and blinds can also help to reduce draughts and heat loss in your home.

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