



Why Wood Windows are Better than Vinyl Windows

In the May issue, we are going to branch away from our standard newsletter format, to bring to your attention the effects that vinyl windows have on our environment, versus the renewable resource in wood windows.

The environmental impacts of PVC are many:

A product that uses a non-renewable resource cannot be sustainable: oil makes up 43 % of the raw material required to make PVC;

PVC windows generate 43 % more waste than wood windows; 82 % of total PVC waste goes to landfills, 15 % is incinerated. Only 3 % is recycled.

PVC waste will rise to 6.4 million tones by 2020, when the capacity to recycle it will be a fifth of what is required.

It takes 8 times more energy to manufacture a PVC window, than an equivalent timber frame.

Hazardous chemicals are released into the environment during the incineration process of PVC. *Continued on page 2...*

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Lead Times

The spring push is here, and we're busier than ever. Lead times are a good way of gauging a company's success. Though long lead times may not always be desirable, they attribute to the influx of customers that want a company's specific product. A good quality product is always in high demand.

Product	Lead Time
Vinyl Windows	3 weeks
Wood Windows	6 weeks
Doors (Metal/Fiberglass—wood)	3 weeks—7 weeks
Specialty	6 weeks
Cabinets	6 weeks

As the summer months loom closer, we expect to be in full swing by mid-May. Now is the time to place those orders, and beat the summer rush! Updates can always be found on our website.

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**Employee Spotlight
Connor Templeman &
Derrick Taylor**

We only knew it would be a matter of time before these two guys showed up on the employee spotlight. Both work in our wood department, helping to manufacture our high quality and energy efficient wood windows. Both individuals boast stunning qualities that cannot be overlooked. Both are enrolled in our apprenticeship program, and you won't find a cleaner workspace than Derrick's bench. Both guys aren't afraid to get dirty, and when it comes to crunch time, they know how to produce.

We're all proud to have two quality employees that work as hard as they do.

Wood vs Vinyl
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Below is a table which depicts various elements of wood windows vs. PVC windows. We'll let you be the judge.

	Wood Windows	PVC Windows
Expected Life	60 Years	20 Years
Whole Life Cost (Comparison)	-25%	0%
Global Warming Potential (CO2 kg)	906	997
Acidification Potential (kg SO2)	2.15	4.84
Eutrophication Potential (kg phosphate equivalent)	0.20	0.31
Petrochemical Ozone Creation Potential (kg ethane equivalent)	1.64	2.71
Greenhouse Effect (Impact Assessment-CO2)	457,000	487,000
Depletion of Non-Renewable Resources (kg/year)	2.73	2.95

Statistics provided by the "Environmental and Economic Benefits of Specifying Timber Window Frames" Report by the World Wildlife Fund.