## **Sun Control**



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# **Save Your Furniture From Fading**

ne trend in new construction and remodeling is toward larger and more expansive windows for the home. Bringing the outside in can create a soothing and uplifting atmosphere. The most important element homeowners have learned about this trend is how it can affect your furnishings and energy costs. The solution to the increased exposure to the sun is window tinting. It is a great way to protect your windows, furnishings and wallet.

As a new homeowner, especially if you are buying new furniture or having wood floors refinished, having your windows tinted is a good investment. For a relatively inexpensive cost, around \$8.00-\$15.00 per square foot, you can keep your furniture and fabrics from fading.

Window film blocks up to 99.9% of the sun's harmful UV rays, which cause your fine furnishings to fade. Window tinting is also a good way to reduce air conditioning expenses significantly, by reflecting the hot sun in the summer. Up to 2/3 of the solar heat rays that hit your windows are reflected away, reducing your home's heat gain and keeping you more comfortable year round.

#### **A Clear Answer**

Over time, the rays of the sun fade whatever is in their path. That means draperies, wood furniture, cabinets and floors, upholstery and carpeting will last longer if protected. Plus, window film deflects annoying glare while reading or watching television. This type of film is tough and safe. It can hold fragments of shattered glass in place, should there be an accident.

With window film, heat stays outside in the summer and inside during the winter. You can tell a difference in the comfort level just standing next to a treated window. Thanks to new neutral tints, unless

someone told you, you probably would not even know it was there.

### **Many Uses**

Windows are not the only places in your home to consider protecting. Storm doors, patio doors and skylights will all benefit from treatment. The area between storm doors and entry doors can get quite hot in the summer. Window film can protect your entry doors, as well as areas close to patio doors. Skylights get a bit stronger treatment, which can reflect about 80% of the solar gain, while still providing natural light.

#### Do It Right

Having your window film professionally installed provides you with a long warranty and an assurance that the job has been done correctly. Some manufactureres offer a lifetime warranty for film and labor when installed by an authorized dealer, according to factory procedures. From the inside you will have a pleasant view, which is glare and distortion free. From the outside you will see a uniform appearance. The film adheres to the glass and forms a semi-permanent seal.

If you experience uneven temperature or hot spots because of uneven distribution of heat, window films will regulate this condition and keep you comfortable all year round.

Window film is easy to install with minimal disruption to your activities during installation. It is also easy to maintain. It has a tough, durable coating which gives the surface excellent scratch resistance. This assures carefree maintenance when cleaned conventionally, according to your installer's directions. All in all, window film is the clear answer to lasting beauty for your home.

