

Replacement Windows

Replacement windows have always been a popular project. Today's windows are more stylish and sleek than they were 10 – 15 years ago. The frames are smaller and the glass takes up a larger area. These windows fit in with the style of most houses and definitely let the light shine in!

Today's windows are even more energy efficient thanks to advances in technology and materials. Our Sunrise Windows are Energy Star rated and qualify for the Energy Tax Credit that begins in 2009 (see page 2 for details).

Many of our customers opt to replace their windows in stages, choosing a floor or a side of the house to start and continuing until the entire project is complete.

The photos at right demonstrate the variety that is available in today's replacement windows. These are all projects we have recently completed for our customers.

Happy New Year to you and your family! The New Year has come and brings with it new possibilities for 2009. May it be a year of happiness and success for you and your family.

Thank you for your patronage in the past and thank you in advance for your continued support in 2009. We appreciate our customers and friends.



Lower your monthly home energy bills and your federal income taxes in 2009 at the same time!

The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (that \$700 billion bail-out bill passed in October) actually gave homeowners a break.

The bill includes provisions that bring back the tax credits for energy efficient home improvements.

Home improvement tax credits are available for home improvements placed in service from January 1, 2009 through

December 31, 2009.

Any qualified home improvements made in 2008 are not eligible for the tax credit.



The credit varies depending on the type of energy saving product installed. The overall credit is \$500. Be sure to check with your tax advisor especially if you have already taken a partial credit in a previous year.

We are happy to provide the necessary documentation so you can take advantage of these credits in 2009. For more information, check out the Alliance to Save Energy at www.ase.org/taxcredits.

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Handyman Services from Greco Remodelers

Do you have some of those nagging household chores you just can't seem to get finished? Our Handyman Services may be just what you are looking for! Here are a few of the items we can do for you:

- ◇ Install lock or deadbolt
- ◇ Hardware
- ◇ Caulking
- ◇ Replace light switch
- ◇ Replace tub and shower caulking
- ◇ Grout and tile repair
- ◇ Drywall repair
- ◇ Wall tile replacement
- ◇ Stained ceiling and wall repair
- ◇ Door repair
- ◇ Leaky toilet repair
- ◇ Window repair
- ◇ Wood rot repair
- ◇ Shelving
- ◇ Ramp
- ◇ Closet
- ◇ Pet Door
- ◇ Painting
- ◇ Hang interior door
- ◇ Molding
- ◇ Install grab bar
- ◇ Install storm door
- ◇ Install shower door
- ◇ And more . . .

Handyman Sale First Hour Free

Minimum of 4 hours

Expires 2/28/09

Does not apply to prior contracts or handyman services

We only offer handyman services to our past customers. Call our office today at 703-369-4446 to schedule your work.

Here's a refresher course: Driving in snow

Before you start: Clear the snow and ice off your whole car (not just the windows) so you have an unobstructed view of the road. Don't forget to clean the headlights. Carry a cellphone, shovel, sand or kitty litter, snacks and water in case you get stuck. Turn your lights on when you leave. **On the road:** Drive slowly and

leave three times the amount of space you normally allow between your car and the one ahead. Don't use cruise control. To stop, brake gently. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake. In a skid: If your rear wheels skid, stop accelerating and steer in the direction you want the front wheels to go.

What our customers are saying:

"Just great. Will certainly use again and will recommend."

Elmer & Nancy Dovel

"Excellent job. They kept the work area very clean. Work was done in a timely fashion."

Patrick & Jeanne Gentry

"On time, cleanup was excellent."

Jim Doan

"They are very helpful and let you know if they see other problems."

Caroline Leet

"Bottom line, John, is that you have put together a great team and have built yourself a unique business with your hands-on involvement and follow-through."

Carol Hoagland



Before making your next remodeling move, give us a

call first. If we can't help you, we may be able to refer you to someone who can.

How to shovel snow safely and efficiently

A heavy snow is beautiful to see as it coats the trees and the ground. Snow on the sidewalk and driveway makes you think twice about its beauty. Here's how to handle it.

Get ready: Don't eat a big meal, smoke or drink coffee or liquor before you go out. Drink water to prevent dehydration. Do some stretches to warm up your muscles.

Dress in layers: You'll be able to remove a layer if you start to sweat.

Have two snow shovels: Use a regular snow shovel for pushing snow and one with a smaller blade to pick up packed snow. One big shovel of wet snow can weigh as much as 25 pounds.

Don't wait until it's over: If a big snow is forecast, take your regular snow shovel and push it off your sidewalk whenever a couple of inches collect.

Get a grip: Hold your hands at least 12 inches apart on the shovel handle to increase leverage and reduce strain on your body.

Watch your back: The Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons says if you must lift snow, squat with your legs apart, knees bent and back straight. Do not bend at the waist.

Walk away: Scoop small amounts of snow and walk to where you want to put it. Hold the shovel of snow close to your body and don't twist when you dump it.

Pace yourself: Take frequent breaks and gently stretch your back and legs. It helps to have two people shoveling a big snow so each one can rest.

Should you be shoveling at all? Anyone who has had a heart attack or who has heart problems shouldn't shovel without a doctor's permission.

Do you need a snowblower? Used correctly, it puts much less strain on your back and your heart.



"If we stop looking at the clouds, does a screen saver come on?"

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