



earthwise™
WINDOWS & DOORS

The Wise Choice

*Watching your children
play from the kitchen sink.
Checking the locks one
last time before bed.
Pulling the curtains back
on a Sunday morning.*

**You live with your windows
& doors every day.**

*Keeping you warm in
the winter, and cool in
the summer. Protecting
you and your family.
Bathing your home in
peaceful, natural light.*



Clearly Different.

Your home is the biggest investment you will ever make, and your windows and doors are one of its most important components.

When you invest in windows and doors, you invest in the minds that designed them and the hands that built them. You invest in the people whose experience has shaped the way windows and doors look and operate. The way they slide, swing, lock and latch. And the way they perform in your local climate.

Your windows and doors are only as good as the people who make them, and nobody knows more about windows and doors than the manufacturers of Earthwise Group. Instead of a "one size fits all" approach, we will build the best window for your specific needs. Only Earthwise windows are custom-made for optimum performance in your local climate.





Vinyl Windows & Doors

High-quality, long-lasting windows can be made from vinyl, aluminum, fiberglass or wood. However, only vinyl offers the best combination of performance and value.

Vinyl is proof that cost is not always directly related to quality. Though typically one of the least costly window framing materials, vinyl is the best performer in terms of strength, durability, efficiency, and warranty; and clearly provides the best overall value.

Better Design.



STRENGTH

Frankly, all modern window framing materials possess structural strength that is more than adequate for the manufacture of windows and doors for residential and commercial applications. However, only vinyl has the right combination of strength, durability, thermal performance and other physical properties that are required to make the best windows and doors available today.

While vinyl possesses several unique physical property characteristics that make it the optimal material from which to manufacture windows and doors, none is more important than its ability to be welded. While other window materials have to be “mechanically fastened” (screwed or glued together) at the corners, vinyl windows and doors are welded, creating an incredibly strong, airtight and waterproof seal that no other window material can match. For strength, leak resistance, and ease of installation, welded windows are clearly best!

For extremely large windows where even more structural strength is required, the thermally-efficient hollow structure of Earthwise vinyl window frames allows for the insertion of high-strength reinforcements wherever they may be needed.





Better Performance.



DURABILITY

Vinyl windows are engineered to operate and perform in all weather conditions. The same cannot be said for wood windows, which can swell to inoperable proportions when they are exposed to excessive moisture during periods of rain or high humidity. Fiberglass window frames are brittle, making them extremely prone to chipping, cracking, and splitting. Aluminum window frames are so thermally inefficient that ice can build up inside your home during periods of extremely cold weather.

Each of these materials also requires a higher level of maintenance than vinyl. Everyone knows about the maintenance issues associated with wood (painting, staining, scraping, etc), but few people realize that fiberglass window frames are also painted, meaning that they also require periodic maintenance to repair chips and scratches. In addition to being painted, aluminum window frames are prone to pitting and corrosion, as well.

Vinyl is the only window framing material that is virtually maintenance free.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY

There are two primary things to consider when comparing the energy efficiency of windows: the framing material and the glass package.

Both vinyl and wood are more thermally efficient than fiberglass, and all three materials are far superior to aluminum window frames. While wood windows perform almost as well as vinyl windows from a thermal efficiency perspective, they require lots of periodic maintenance and typically have very weak warranties. Fiberglass windows are less thermally efficient than vinyl windows, but typically cost much more. Aluminum window frames are the worst of all, transferring heat and cold at a rate more than 1,000 times that of vinyl window frames. Again, vinyl windows are clearly the best value.

Earthwise vinyl windows are also designed to carry the most thermally-efficient glass packages available today, and our regional manufacturing philosophy allows us to provide the most efficient glass package available for your local climate.

Beyond energy efficiency, vinyl is an environmentally friendly material. Vinyl is made from salt, an abundant and naturally occurring material, and virtually all forms of vinyl can be easily recycled. Vinyl windows also don't require painting or staining, keeping more harmful chemicals out of the waste stream.



WARRANTY

A window is only as good as its warranty, and Earthwise vinyl window manufacturers are leaders when it comes to standing behind their products.

Not only do Earthwise windows come with a transferable Limited Lifetime Warranty, but they also offer additional levels of protection that cannot be matched by any other manufacturer.

First, since all Earthwise manufacturing locations are independently owned and operated, in the unlikely event that an Earthwise manufacturer were to ever be sold or go out of business for any reason, several other Earthwise manufacturers will be there to stand behind your warranty.

In addition, all Earthwise products are backed by the *Good Housekeeping Seal*; providing homeowners with the assurance of a two-year money-back guarantee if an Earthwise product is ever found to contain a defect that cannot be remedied by the Earthwise manufacturer.

A transferable Limited Lifetime Warranty, backed by a large group of independently owned manufacturers, with the additional "safety net" of the *Good Housekeeping Seal*. Earthwise warranty coverage is simply unmatched in the window and door industry.





See things differently

Windows and doors have the unique characteristic of changing the way a home looks from the inside, as well as from the outside. However, a pleasing appearance is only one thing to look for when choosing windows and doors. Other important factors need to be considered.

The Beauty of Windows.



EFFICIENCY

Earthwise windows and doors with multi-pane glass and argon gas filling provide excellent insulation and draft protection in any climate, keeping your home comfortable and helping to reduce heating and cooling bills.

Advanced Earthwise high-performance low-E glass reflects radiant heat back into your home in the winter, minimizing heat loss through your windows. It also reflects harmful UV rays away from your home in the summer, keeping your home's interior cooler, and greatly reducing the damaging effects of UV radiation to your carpet, furniture, and drapes.



MAINTENANCE

Vinyl windows and doors require very little maintenance. There is no need to scrape and paint the exteriors every few years. An occasional gentle cleaning is probably all they'll ever need. Also, tilt-in sashes and swing-out casements make cleaning window panes easier than ever.



SECURITY

Earthwise windows feature sturdy, full-length interlocking meeting rails and positive action locking hardware to provide enhanced security for your home.





A Beautiful View

Windows and doors protect us from the outside world, but they can also protect the outside world from us. Specifically, we need to protect our environment from the excessive use of precious natural energy to heat and cool our homes.

Sustainability is our capacity to endure by sustaining healthy ecosystems and environments. To do that, we must each work to reduce our carbon footprint.

Sustainability.

Your personal carbon footprint is measured by the carbon dioxide emissions caused by your everyday activities, and includes such things as driving your car and the energy you use at home. In the United States, home energy accounts for about one-quarter of our total carbon footprint.

You can reduce your carbon footprint significantly by installing energy-efficient Earthwise windows and doors. Energy-saving features and options such as multi-pane glass with high-efficiency low-E coatings, argon or krypton gas filling, foam-filled mainframes and sashes, proprietary composite reinforcing materials, and other exciting options will help to save the environment while also saving your money; to the tune of hundreds, or even thousands of dollars per year.



The Choice is Yours.



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All Earthwise products carry the Made in USA - Certified® designation as independent verification that our products are made in the USA by American workers, using components that are sourced in the USA. We are proud of and deeply committed to supporting American workers, and all of our manufacturing facilities are subject to inspection by independent, third-party inspectors to ensure our ongoing compliance.



Earthwise Windows & Doors are designed and built to meet the highest standards of energy efficiency. We are proud to have earned "Manufacturing Partner" status with the U.S. Government's ENERGY STAR program. All Earthwise products meet or exceed current ENERGY STAR performance standards.



MEMBER

Earthwise products meet or exceed guidelines set by the American Architectural Manufacturing Association (AAMA), a voluntary organization that establishes material performance standards for the window and door industry.



All Earthwise products carry the *Good Housekeeping Seal*, earned after passing a rigorous testing and inspection process at the laboratories of the Good Housekeeping Institute. For more than a century, the *Good Housekeeping Seal* has been considered a mark of superior product quality and excellent customer service. It is also an independent, third-party money-back guarantee should you ever encounter a defective Earthwise product that can't be repaired or replaced by your local Earthwise window dealer or manufacturer.



All Earthwise products carry the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) label to assure customers that our products have been independently tested and certified to meet the highest standards of energy efficiency and qualify for the ENERGY STAR program. The Earthwise Group is a long time supporter and member in good standing of the NFRC.

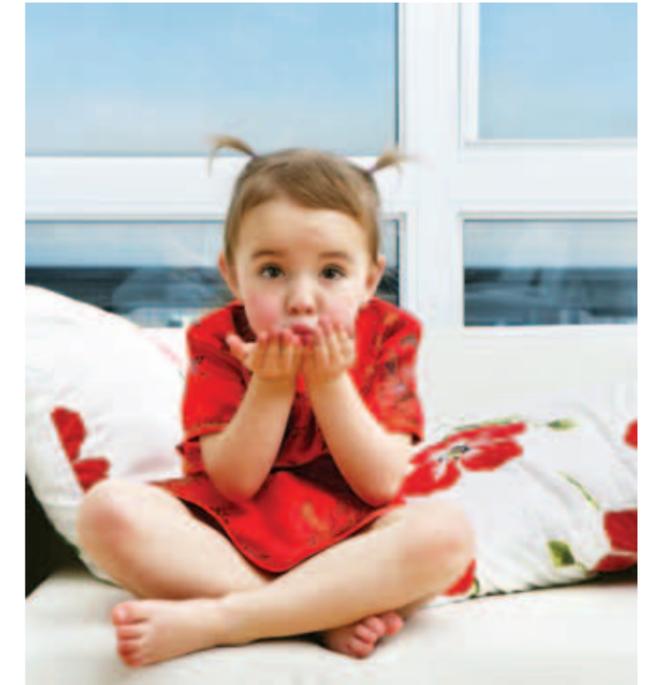


All Earthwise products are backed by our transferable Limited Lifetime Warranty. Simply put, there is no stronger warranty in the industry.





The Earthwise Group is a select group of window and door manufacturers who produce the same high-quality vinyl window and door systems, but with a twist. Rather than following the herd with a "one size fits all" approach, Earthwise products are manufactured at several regional manufacturing facilities that offer slightly different design features and options that are specifically selected to provide the best performance and value for the geographic region in which the windows are to be installed. For example, the insulated glass panels we offer in the hot climates of Texas and Florida are different from the ones we offer in the colder climates of Minnesota and New England, because different types of glass perform best in those diverse climate zones.



*The Wise Choice.*TM

No other window and door manufacturer offers this level of regionally-specific manufacturing flexibility and local expertise.

Earthwise Group manufacturers benefit greatly from the culture of collaboration that they have created. Group members share their significant and diverse strengths and experiences for the advancement of all involved. As a result, Earthwise manufacturers enjoy a clear leadership position in the areas of production, purchasing, distribution and marketing. Our network of locally-owned, independent manufacturers works together to produce the most beautiful and energy-efficient windows and doors available today.

From engineering and design, through product development, testing and final production, Earthwise Windows & Doors are made for a lifetime of maintenance free service.





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