



# WINDOW REPLACEMENT INFORMATION

**BUILDING SERVICES**



This handout clarifies the requirements that must be met for residential window replacement projects in the Town of Danville.

It is Danville's policy to require that:

1. A building permit is obtained for residential window replacements (regardless of whether the window frames are changed or altered). In making a submittal for a building permit, the applicant must provide three copies of a floor plan (8-1/2 X 11 paper is acceptable) showing the location of the house with all existing and proposed windows and doors (and their sizes). The plans shall clearly indicate which windows are to be replaced or installed in conjunction with the project.
2. In situations where bedroom windows are to be replaced on homes or living units, at least one window in the bedroom must meet emergency egress standards. These standards are summarized below. On homes or living units constructed before January 1, 1981, and the existing opening allows a conforming window to be used, the window type should be altered if needed to achieve a compliant opening.
  - A. Minimum net openable **area** of **5.7** square feet.
  - B. Minimum net openable **width** of **20** inches.
  - C. Minimum net openable **height** of **24** inches.
  - D. Maximum height of **44** inches, as measured from the finished floor below the egress window, to the clear opening.
  - E. Minimum openable area may be decreased to 5.0 square feet if the opening is a **grade level opening**.\*

\* **Definition of grade level opening:** A window or other opening located such that the sill height of the opening is not more than 44 inches above or below the finished ground level adjacent to the opening.

Should you have any questions, please contact Building Services at (925) 314-3330.