

Does Double Glazing Really Save You Money?

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With what seem to be longer, wetter and colder winters, rising energy bills and downward pressure on our finances some homeowners are asking just how much of a saving they could really make from the installation of double glazing (<http://www.doubleglazingswindon.co.uk>).

Installing double glazing has long been one of the main methods that people in the UK have used to not just get a warmer house but also to save on their energy bills. When the price and the opportunity cost of installing new double glazing (<http://www.doubleglazingswindon.co.uk>) is taken into account however some homeowners are asking what kinds of savings they'll really make and when those savings will materialise.

The Energy Saving Trust for example state that by replacing single glazed windows with 'energy-efficient' B-rated double glazing a homeowner could be able to save approximately £170 per year on their energy bills.

Energy efficient windows are able to achieve these savings because they let in plenty of light and heat but cut the amount of heat that can escape back out. They may also use gases like argon, xenon or krypton in the gap between the panes because this reduces the heat transfer, and they use efficient warm edge pane spacers.

The British Fenestration Rating Council (BFRC) energy rating scheme helps to show homeowners how efficient their window is likely to be by assigning a letter from A to G to the window with A being the most efficient. It is likely that homeowners are already familiar with this type of rating which is also used on white goods.

Double glazing installation, spares and repairs specialist Dave Pearson of Swindon based DA Windows (<http://www.doubleglazingsparesandrepairs.co.uk>) comments:

"Yes modern energy efficient double glazing (<http://www.doubleglazingswindon.co.uk>) can deliver some real energy bill savings. You could focus on how much the purchase price is but it's unlikely that someone would purchase new double glazing (<http://www.doubleglazingswindon.co.uk>) just for energy bill savings alone. In my experience people buy double glazing because they want a warmer and more comfortable home, they want to insulate the home against draughts and the noise from outside, and they want to be freed from the need to keep painting and worrying about the maintenance of the window frames over time. UPVC frames also make the house look better and tidier. Yes energy bill savings are an important extra bonus but they're one of many reasons why people buy double glazing".

Dave points out that there are other considerations here:

"You need to pay attention to all the other areas of your home where you could be losing heat too such as the loft or even the wall cavities. If you really want to focus on energy bill savings there are many other areas of the home that need to be properly insulated, and double glazing (<http://www.doubleglazingswindon.co.uk>) is just one albeit important measure you can take".

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