

Wood vs. Vinyl Window Selection

A practical decision tool that walks you through key criteria to identify whether wood or vinyl fits your project better.



Window Material Selection Checklist

Appearance & Style

Question	Check
I like windows that look natural and visually warm.	
My home's style influences the type of windows I prefer.	
I prefer clean, simple, and modern-looking window designs.	
Standard neutral colors are acceptable for my home.	

Maintenance

Question	Check
I am comfortable performing occasional upkeep on my windows.	
I prefer windows that require minimal or no maintenance.	

Budget

Question	Check
A premium look or material is worth higher initial cost to me.	
Staying within a cost-efficient budget is important.	

Performance & Climate

Question	Check
Window performance in humidity or moisture matters to me.	
Consistent long-term durability is important for my climate.	
Energy efficiency influenced by the frame matters to me.	

Material Preferences

Question	Check
I value using natural or renewable materials.	
Environmental impact is not a major factor in my decision.	

How to Interpret Your Results

Count the number of questions where you checked a box.

1-3 checks: You may prefer wood windows.

4-6 checks: Both materials could work well — consider a mixed approach.

7-12 checks: You may prefer vinyl windows.