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REPAIR

6.A.iii. Preserve historic windows. When glass is broken, the color and clarity of replacement glass should match the original historic glass.

Repairable Window:

- Glass missing or broken
- Meeting rails not aligning
- Cords broken; hardware missing
- Sill or frame rotted

Beyond Repair:

- Missing components or units
- Extreme wood rot
- Where 50% or more of a window's components must be reconstructed, a replacement may be considered.
- Replacement sashes may also be constructed to fit within the original frame.



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REPLACEMENT

6.B.iv. Install new windows to match the historic or existing windows in terms of size, type, configuration, material, form, appearance, and detail when original windows are deteriorated beyond repair.

Recommended stipulations for replacement:

- That new windows maintain original dimension and profile
- That new windows feature clear glass, low-e or reflective coatings are not recommended
- That existing window trim be retained or repaired to maintain its original appearance



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NOT THIS



Appropriate replacement window:

- Maintains material
- Maintains profile

Inappropriate replacement window:

- Change in material
- Change in member thickness
- Installed flush with exterior trim

Wood Replacement Window (original above):

- Track set within original frame
- Meeting rails thicker than original
- Low-e coating alters hue and reflectivity



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WINDOWS IN NEW CONSTRUCTION

3.A.i. Complementary materials—Use materials that complement the type, color, and texture of materials traditionally found in the district. Materials should not be so dissimilar as to distract from the historic interpretation of the district. For example, corrugated metal siding would not be appropriate for a new structure in a district comprised of homes with wood siding.

Recommended stipulations for new construction:

- That new windows maintain traditional dimension and profile, and be set within the window frame
- Wood windows are recommended; but a double-hung, block frame windows that are wood clad or feature alternative materials may be appropriate
- Paired windows should be separated by a wood mullion

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Wood windows with traditional dimensions are most appropriate for new construction in historic districts.

NOT THIS



Vinyl windows installed with nailing strips cannot be masked by wood trim and do not provide an option for wood screens set within the trim.



Block frame windows set within the window opening may be appropriate. This pair of windows can be separated by a wood mullion for a more authentic appearance. A double-hung window product would feature a greater recess than the top sash shown above.



Vinyl windows with a flush flange or nailing strip protrude beyond the window trim and are not recommended.



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HISTORIC WOOD WINDOWS AND NEW INSTALLATIONS

