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The traditional storm door helps protect and insulate the entryway to your house. Since these doors face the elements, they naturally tend to wear faster than other doors and require occasional replacement. Want to look at preserving your fancy front door while displaying its charm? Consider protecting your investment with a storm door replacement that showcases your front door while adding functionality to take advantage of a warm summer breeze.

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Types of Storm Doors

With a wide array of storm door replacements available, it can be overwhelming to choose the best one. With a variety of glass and screen here are three view types you can choose from.

1. Full view storm doors

Full view storm doors include large panes of uninterrupted glass that can be customized to let in light and take advantage of your entryway. This option is the most versatile as it can come in the various frame, handle and glass options with the added functionality of an interchangeable screen for seasonal ventilation in the warmer months.

If you have a [trendy front door](#) or want to increase your curb appeal, this is a great storm door replacement option.



2. Mid-view storm doors

Is your front doorway an area of high foot traffic, but you love the sunlight that a full view storm door brings you? Consider installing a mid view storm door, which is partitioned at three quarters to strike a balance between convenience and letting light in. Get more functionality with a retractable screen window included in many mid-view door options.

3. High view storm doors

Designed with high foot traffic in mind, high view storm doors are the most durable on the market. This type of view is more traditional in design with the largest half-panel out of the three options and built to withstand high traffic.

You can also buy high view storm doors designed with the top half glass that's screened in. This is great for households with children as the opening is too high for them to access. Typically, homeowners use this type for backdoors as this can be a high traffic, functional area. The added benefit of the large bottom third comes with the additional space to include a dog door large enough for any of our four-legged friends.

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Weather Considerations for Storm Door Replacement

Storm doors are an added exterior door over the existing door to add security and increase protection from the elements. Since storm doors are most susceptible to the elements it's important to take into consideration what the weather is like in your area before choosing one. Depending on your geographical location you should consider the following for your storm door replacement:

- Constant sunlight: Consider a vinyl-coated or fiberglass door that blocks heat but allows light in.
- Harsh winters: Consider a durable aluminum door frame.
- Lots of bugs: Make sure to get a screened storm door if you want to keep it open in the summer months.

Every area is going to have different considerations depending on the local climate, so it's important to talk to your contractor about what the pros and cons are when it comes to storm door replacement materials in your location.

Extra Considerations for New Storm Doors

When searching for a storm door replacement there's more to evaluate than just the materials and glass. Here's a list of storm door considerations to weigh:

- **Heavy-duty lock:** some storm doors have flimsy locks that lead to poor security. Look for three-point locking systems.

- **Shatter-resistant safety glass:** Sometimes mistakes happen, but you'll want to make sure if anyone accidentally breaks the glass on your storm door for any reason you minimize the health risk by getting shatter-proof glass.
- **Pneumatic or hydraulic closing mechanisms:** These prevent doors from shutting or opening too quickly, which could prolong the life of your storm door.
- **Smart technology integration:** If you can open your front door with a smart lock but you need a physical key for your storm door, this could get frustrating and cost you more money down the road when you decide you do need to synchronize all your access points. Consider how any potential storm door replacement would work with [smart technology in your home](#) when you start your project to eliminate additional costs later.

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Paying for a Storm Door Replacement

Getting a new storm door doesn't have to be an excessive financial burden. Here are some ways you can save money when replacing your storm door.

1. 0% APR credit card

If you don't have the money on hand to afford your storm door replacement when you need it, consider applying for a 0% APR credit card. If approved, these cards don't charge you any interest for purchases made during the promotional period. By repaying the money before the period expires, it won't cost you anything in interest.

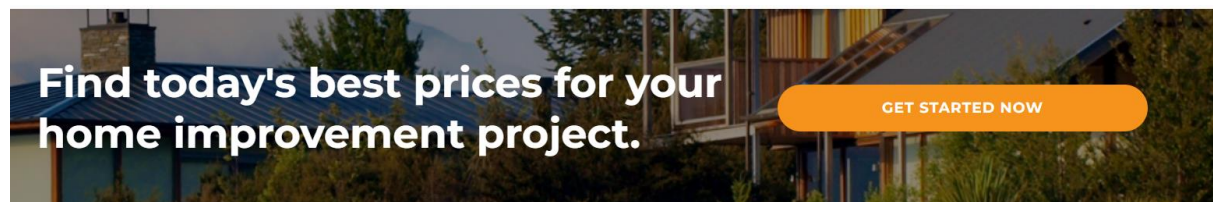
However, make sure you do have a plan to repay the money before the promotional period expires, otherwise, the interest rate could take a steep climb. You'll also likely owe interest from the time the purchases were made, not the date of the interest rate hike.

2. Savings

Paying for your storm door replacement from your savings fund can help you minimize the added cost of interest on your purchases. If you don't already have a savings fund for home repairs or renovations consider an app such as [Acorns](#) or [Digit](#), both of which help you automatically save and invest.

3. Home equity line of credit (HELOC)

Depending on how much equity you have built up in your home you could qualify for a home equity line of credit (HELOC). This is revolving credit, similar to a credit card, with your home's equity as security. Your bank will typically issue you a card that is tied to the line of credit. Often the interest rate on a line of credit is lower than on a credit card.



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