

EASY NATURAL LIGHTING UPGRADE OFFERS HOMEOWNERS TRIPLE BENEFIT

Replacing inefficient plastic bubble skylights is quick and inexpensive

Homeowners interested in an easy green upgrade for their home can save money on energy costs, protect furniture from fading, and gain the healthful benefits of better natural light simply by replacing inefficient plastic bubble skylights with modern, energy-efficient glass models.

A study from VELUX America shows an energy cost savings of nearly \$200 annually from a simple replacement process that can be accomplished quickly and easily by an installer or a handy homeowner with basic tools.

"There are millions of cracked and yellowing plastic skylights out there," says Mark Richardson, CR, president of CASEÂ®, the largest full-service remodeling company in the country, "and many good reasons to replace them. There is less noise, no leaking or drafts, and it's a better-looking product both inside and out. Also, flat-glass skylights offer a clear view, have aesthetic advantages, and provide tremendous endurance to withstand extreme weather," says Richardson.

ENERGY STARÂ® qualified replacement skylights feature a double layer of Low-E coating to provide additional thermal performance, preventing heat gain in the summer months and heat loss during the winter, thereby reducing cooling and heating bills. *

To replace a plastic bubble skylight simply remove the fasteners from the skylight frame with a screwdriver or hammer and remove the bubble from the curb (the mount attached to the roof which holds the skylight).

If there is sealant on top of the curb, remove and clean the surface with a knife or chisel. Finally, position the replacement unit on the curb and fasten with the screws provided with the new unit.

Additional energy savings can be achieved if the model chosen offers a shade or blinds to further minimize heat gain or loss while softening direct sunlight.

Replacement skylights meeting ENERGY STAR standards are available in convenient sizes to fit approximately 90 percent of all existing installations. Retail pricing begins in the low \$100s.

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