



City of Carmel-by-the-Sea Community Planning and Building Department Information Handout – Windows and Skylights

Window Materials

Window styles and materials should be consistent with the architecture of the building and they should be uniform throughout the entire building. Wood windows are the most typical in Carmel and are recommended by the Residential Design Guidelines. Materials other than unclad wood are appropriate only when it can be demonstrated that the proposed material is more appropriate to the architecture.

Window Privacy

New windows should be positioned to avoid potential privacy impacts. Avoid positioning large windows along a side wall that would impact the privacy of an adjacent neighbor. Also, avoid placing large windows on the second story that would allow views into the neighbor's private living areas.

Skylights

Skylights are often a relatively modern design element and may conflict with the authenticity of older architectural styles. Skylights should blend with the overall building design and their visual impacts should be minimal. The location of a skylight on the front of the roof is discouraged. To minimize the visual impacts of the skylights, they should be located on the back of the roof. Skylights should not have a dome shape.

