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Beautiful Old Home, Old Stuck Windows *What Can You Do?*

Huntington Beach is full of beautiful old, and not-so-old buildings, kept up to maintain their original charm, and with owners facing a similar dilemma. After 30-50 years of service, some of their windows don't open, or close or lock.



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Usually most people figure that means it's time to get new windows and give up some of their home's charm, but actually that's not the only option. You can also have your wood or steel windows restored. Additionally, your windows functionality can be updated by using the same state-of-the-art weather stripping used on new vinyl windows. This would reduce air-infiltration without compromising the "classic look" of your home. Repaired older windows can be made to work as well or better than when they were brand new.

The benefits in repairing your windows instead of replacing them include less financial outlay and greater longevity. Your old windows can last longer than vinyl windows, which have small plastic injected molded components. If your windows

date back to about 1910-1930, and have counterweights with ropes attached, once repaired you'll likely be able to open your window with one hand, and will need to change the rope every 40-50 years. Your old windows are also practical. If your windows were built before about 1946, the window sills and jams are likely made from old redwood, which repels bugs and termites. Sashes back then were often made of Douglas fir that had been dipped in a borate solution to repel mold and bugs.

If your windows are properly repaired, wood double hung (up and down) windows can be fixed to need no repairs for about 40-50 years and steel casement repairs can last for over half a century.

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