

Enclosing Your Deck or Porch

As Summer comes to a close, and thoughts turn to the Holidays, many people turn their focus to interior pursuits. But with moderate temperature and bluebird sunny skies, it is also one of the best times to enjoy your patio, deck, or porch. And many people don't realize that there are inexpensive solutions to provide you enjoyment and use of your space throughout the year.

VINYL PANE PATIO WINDOW SYSTEMS

One of the best kept secrets in the outdoor living products market, these custom made patio windows are a marvel. Lightweight, durable, and custom made to fit the exact size of any opening, these windows have a twist; instead of using glass for the pane they use a thick transparent vinyl film that can withstand years of abuse and looks like glass. These windows are framed with a powder coated aluminum frame and operate in a vertical and horizontal configuration.

Since they insulate about as well as single pane glass windows, they are perfect for enclosing patios and screen rooms. They can even mount to the inside of your existing screens, saving time and money. If you have a built in lanai area, patio, or covered deck, vinyl pane window systems can provide a very affordable and versatile solution to the problem of where to entertain Holiday guests as the weather begins to cool.

And because the window sashes are removable in minutes, your patio can be converted from sunroom to screen room as needed. Simply lift out the lightweight vinyl panels and store for the day,



week, or season. And they are perfect for keeping pollen from covering interior patio space and furniture in spring.

"We see an influx of calls for patio window systems as fall approaches, and a lot of those people opt for vinyl over glass," says Chris Herron, co owner of All Custom Aluminum, in business here in Tallahassee since 1995. The reason is not just because they cost less, but they do. They have the versatility of being able to be removed, which is not a feature found in a glass window. They don't require special foundations, code required electrical work, or effect your property taxes the way a glass enclosed space does either. All in all, they are a perfect solution to providing usable, livable space at a price that will still leave room for Thanksgiving turkey and Holiday presents.

GLASS WINDOW SYSTEMS

Imagine entertaining your Holiday guests in a new glass enclosed sunroom this season. If you currently have a patio, deck, or lanai it could be faster, easier, and less expensive than you might think. Glass enclosed space is considered part of your home square footage, so when you convert from open or screen to glass, you give yourself the gift of instant equity in your home.

"Customers can gain three to four times their investment in equity as soon as we finish the job," according to Chris Herron of All Custom Aluminum.



By working with an Aluminum specialist rather than a General Contractor, customers can typically save time and money. Specialty Structure contractors offer options specifically engineered to provide the most open space with the least amount of framework to block the view. So the typical glass enclosed area offers an element of space present nowhere else in the home, creating a unique and focal environment people will gravitate towards no matter the season. 🌳