



REPLACING WINDOW SCREENS

In addition to being a bit of an eyesore, a hole in a window screen is an invitation for insects to enter your home. Changing a screen can be done by just about anyone, requires few tools, and is not expensive.

GATHERING THE NECESSARY TOOLS

You will need a screen, scissors, a screwdriver, a snap blade knife and sufficient spline (the black rubber cord inserted around the screen).

REMOVING THE EXISTING WINDOW SCREEN

Lay the removed section flat on the ground to make it easier to manipulate.

REMOVING THE OLD SCREEN

Use the screwdriver to pry out the spline keeping the screen affixed to the frame. Grab the pried out section and pull until you have fully removed it. If the spline is still flexible and in good condition, you can use it again. Otherwise you will need to replace it. Remove the damaged screen.

CLEANING THE WINDOW FRAME

Remove all dust and other debris from all of the frame grooves.

MEASURING THE NEW SCREEN

Place the new screen over the window frame and allow for an additional 2 inches on every side. Use the scissors to cut the required length of screen from the roll.

INSTALLING THE SCREEN

Centre the screen on the window frame (which is still flat on the ground) and keep it stretched out.

Place the spline on top of the screen and use a spline roller to push it into the grooves in the window head and all around the frame.

TAKING CARE OF THE FINAL DETAILS

Use the snap blade knife to cut the excess screen and spline. Reinstall the screen section into the window (or door) frame.

CLEANING YOUR SCREENS

Clean your screens with a soft brush and a small amount of soap and water.

REPAIRING YOUR SCREENS

If all you need to repair is a small hole, apply a bit of glue to it (which will have the effect of filling it up) or place a piece of new screen on top of it and fasten it with epoxy glue.