



Solar Screens

Solar window screens function similar to sunglasses by blocking the heat, not the view. The newly designed screens look great, with lots of colors to choose from. The whole plan is to help reduce the energy costs of running your air conditioner.

In 1960 only 12% of American homes had air conditioners. To fight our **rising electric bills** we need to look to the “pre-refrigeration” era for natural cooling ideas, especially if your home faces West.

Landscaping offers excellent natural cooling. Trellises, awnings, overhangs canopies, draperies and shutters can provide shade to inhibit the sunlight from entering your home, but they are expensive. The best solution is outside solar screens. Not only do they reduce your electric bill, they also provide insect protection when windows are open, reduce UV radiation to protect fading of furniture, carpets and fabrics, cut the glare.

You can leave them on all year or remove them in the winter to allow more sunlight. **Light colored shades can reduce a window’s solar heat gain by as much as 43%.** Dark blinds and shades will soak up the sun, releasing the energy as heat inside the house. The life of solar screens is about 10 to 15 years with normal use.

Get out your calculator and figure saving 30% on 9 months of your electric bill.

Then add that amount with what you will save when your faded furniture and carpet have to be replaced. You may decide that solar screens are for you and your family.

If you are handy, you can build them yourself. But if you are not, a Nation’s contractor will install them for 0% interest for 6 months. Also, for paying cash, they will extend a 10% discount. **Call our office to make an appointment; there is no charge for an estimate.**