



WINDOW SPECIFICATION WORKSHEET

PUT THE NUMBERS IN THE SPEC BEFORE THE FIRST QUOTE | TWIN CITIES METRO

Write the performance targets into the specification first, so every bidder prices the same window and the bids compare line for line.

THE SPEC

- ☐ **Set the ENERGY STAR Northern-zone target in writing.**
Under Version 7.0 a qualifying window reaches a U-factor of 0.22 or lower, or uses the allowed tradeoff with higher solar heat gain. Hitting 0.22 in vinyl often means triple-pane glass.
- ☐ **Ask for the air-infiltration rating.**
It matters as much as the U-factor for real-world comfort and heating cost.
- ☐ **Require NFRC-rated performance data with every bid.**

THE WARRANTY

- ☐ **Ask for transferable, non-prorated coverage.**
Boards and owners change, and the coverage needs to survive that. This is often the deciding factor between two otherwise comparable vinyl lines.

THE PROJECT

- ☐ **Confirm the line and its colors will last the whole phased project.**
A multi-year replacement only works if the exact product and color stay available and matchable.
- ☐ **Evaluate the installation approach, not just the window.**
Ask for full-frame installs with new sill pans and flashing tied into the weather barrier. Poor installation can void the warranty.

WINDOWS ON THE RESERVE SCHEDULE?

A first call takes about fifteen minutes and costs nothing, 612-440-8660. The full guide: trupointhoa.com/knowledge-center/top-vinyl-window-manufacturers