

STORM WINDOWS AND STORM DOORS DESIGN GUIDELINES

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The below Storm Windows and Doors Design Guidelines amend the Design Guidelines contained in the Plymouth Historic District Commission Handbook dated January 2008.

24. Storm Windows and Storm Doors (Page 33)

Any building within the Historic District in whole or in part is deemed Historically Significant if so determined by the Commission or its designee to be significant, based on any of the following criteria:

- 1- The Building is listed on, or is within an area listed on, the National Register of Historic Places; or
- 2- The Building has been found eligible for the National Register of Historic Places; or
- 3- The Building is importantly associated with one or more historic persons or events, or with the broad architectural, cultural, political, economic, or social history of the Town or the Commonwealth; or
- 4- The Building is historically or architecturally important (in terms of period, style, method of building construction, or associated with a recognized architect or builder) either by itself or on the context of a group of buildings; or
- 5- The building reinforces the character of the Historic District and its streetscape.

Storm windows and doors shall be made of wood.

a. Storm windows:

For Buildings Deemed Historically Significant

Exterior storm windows must be made of wood and clear glass, which are materials that are more appropriate for historic buildings; or, interior storm windows may be utilized. The Applicant may contact Commission staff to obtain a list of approved interior storm windows.

For Buildings Deemed Non-Historically Significant

Aluminum storm windows may be used; however, the aluminum window must utilize clear glass and the aluminum window color must be approved by the Commission. The frame of the aluminum storm window must be narrow and the horizontal meeting rail of the storm window must align with the meeting rail of the underlying sash.

b. Storm doors:

For Buildings Deemed Historically Significant

Storm doors must be made of wood which is a material more appropriate for historic buildings. Storm doors must consist primarily of a clear glass storm panel or screen panel so that the underlying wood door is not obscured.

For Buildings Deemed Non-Historically Significant

Aluminum storm doors may be used; however, the aluminum storm door color must be approved by the Commission, and the door and associated frame must be a full light type with clear glass and interchangeable screen not to obscure the underlying door.

c. For any proposed storm window and/or door, the Commission requires the Applicant to provide the Commission with the following for review and approval:

- a. Material specifications and test results.
- b. Sample of the proposed storm window and/or door.
- c. A sample of the proposed window, door, and screen color
- d. Provide evidence that the proposed product has been installed for a minimum of 5 years on a similar type building.