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Storm Doors: Advantages and Tips for Your Home

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(NU) - The versatility of a storm door to transform your home and your comfort level, between the warm and cold months throughout the year, earns it a spot on most homeowners' project lists.

Each season brings out something new from a storm door, and yet many consumers struggle with the benefits of and tips for buying a storm door.

Advantages

- **A Warm Welcome.** Setting the tone of your home with the entry-way is essential. Storm doors create a better first impression for guests and make your home feel warm and inviting. With the entry door open, natural light can create a bright and welcoming space for you and your guests.

- **Better Air Circulation.** This is one of the transformative features of a storm door. In the warmer months, it can become a screen door. Many storm doors feature either full- or half-glass panels that can be switched out with a screen at any time. Some doors, such as the Rolscreen Storm Door from Pella, feature hidden screens that are simply pulled into place when needed.

- **Exterior Door Protection.** A storm door can help protect your front entry door from rain, ice, and snow. And it can help protect your entry door investment and maintain curb appeal.

- **Improved Energy Efficiency.** Storm doors can help reduce energy loss by providing a buffer against summer heat and winter



cold. With a storm door, the other systems in the home, such as the heater or air conditioner, don't need to work as hard.

Tips

- **Sizes & Configurations.** Ensure that you are getting the right size by measuring the opening for the storm door – between the door jambs, not the door itself. Most screen doors come in standard door widths of 30, 32, 34, and 36 inches and may be hinged on either side. But some can be specially designed to open to the right or left. Be attentive of the way the entry door opens.

- **Designs.** Want to see the whole entry door? Want a retractable screen or a screen that is removed every winter? With updated hardware styles, beautiful glass designs, including Low-E options, retractable screens and assorted colors to choose from, you can keep the architectural aesthetic as well as your functional goals in mind when shopping.