## ELIMINATING EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE

Are "maintenance-free" windows really maintenance-free? In the world of windows, many of us are familiar with the outlandish sales talk and advertising claims that we hear and see in the media every day. So what is the real truth about replacement windows being maintenance-free?

Most thermal replacement windows are made of wood, vinyl, or a combination of the two. Vinyl windows require no painting inside or out, therefore eliminating the need to paint windows. By switching to maintenance-free vinyl or fiberglass windows, you could save on your painting bills by up to 50%. The truth is that vinyl windows still have to be cleaned, though, so they are not completely maintenance-free. This exposes another issue that most replacement window dealers don't tell you or want you to know.