

Sunroom Shopping Checklist

Write in the name of a sunroom company in the spaces provided to help you compare quality and features.

#1 Will my sunroom be considered additional square footage in my home?

While all sunrooms add space to your home, many fail to meet building codes for conditioned space and don't count as additional, permitted square footage.

Company Name

Yes No

Company Name

Yes No

#2 Are all windows NFRC rated?

Most sunroom windows come with an Energy Star rating, but the less common is the National Fenestration Ratings Council testing for national building code compliance.

Company Name

Yes No

Company Name

Yes No

#3 Are all the windows made to custom sizes?

Sunrooms are best when they maximize the area of glass within the walls. To do this, the windows should be custom sized, but many companies use standard window sizes with opaque filler on the edges to occupy empty space.

Company Name

Yes No

Company Name

Yes No

#4 What materials will my sunroom be made out of?

Nearly all sunrooms are made of either vinyl, aluminum, or vinyl-clad aluminum. Ask what material reinforces the structure of your room to understand how insulated it will be. The highest performance structures are made of Fibreglass and Vinyl. Aluminum is cheaper, but less efficient.

Company Name

Vinyl Aluminum Vinyl-Clad

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#5 Will screw heads and other fasteners be visible from inside and outside the room?

Some sunrooms are engineered to conceal screws and other unsightly fasteners within the window frames, but most are made with dozens of exterior screws drilled directly into the structure.

Company Name

Yes No

Company Name

Yes No

#7 Will my room be custom-designed, or made with a preset kit?

A sunroom built using a kit can't be uniquely designed to fit your home, forcing you to compromise on fit and finish where the blueprints mesh poorly with your home. Custom sunrooms are uniquely crafted for you and your home, ensuring a seamless transition to the rest of your house.

Company Name

Custom Preset Kit

Company Name

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#6 Does your company provide all the glass in my windows, or do you buy some glass locally?

Unless the sunroom company provides specialty glass, like trapezoids and transoms, they'll have to purchase the glass locally, which may cause delays and inconsistent window tint.

Company Name

Yes No

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Yes No

#8 What solid-roof thickness options (6"/8"/10"/12") are available?

Insulation is the greatest factor in whether a home addition meets building codes for conditioned space. If thicker roof panels aren't available in cooler climates, chances are you won't be able to add real square footage to your house. **Check all that apply.*

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