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Types of Enclosures

Glass Sunrooms

A sunroom is characterized by fully insulated walls and ceilings, along with a generous use of insulated glass for the windows and doors. Sunrooms offer owners the ability to enjoy the natural daylight of the sun without having to deal with weather elements. Sunrooms come in many styles and most sunrooms can be custom designed. Sunrooms are no longer an "Add-on" piece, but an extension of your home, so when planning for a sunroom, make sure that it matches the style of your house. Regardless of the climate in which you live, a sunroom can be added to your existing living space.

Many people choose to add glass walls to an existing structure. This type of sunroom will increase the amount of sunlight and the functionality of the structure. The expense for this type of sunroom will be considerably less than a traditional sunroom since there is already an existing roof and foundation. This type of sunroom addition also adds to the total square footage of your home while increasing the value.

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A patio room or screen enclosure has walls constructed of fiber mesh screen rather than glass. The frame of a patio room is typically extruded aluminum posts covered with an enamel finish. The frame for a patio room is maintenance free and should maintain its look for years. The perimeter walls of a patio enclosure are large panels that allow fresh air to circulate, while keeping out bugs, and insects. Creating a patio room is an affordable way to expand living space and enjoy the outdoors.

Many people choose to add screen walls to an existing covered patio. This type of patio enclosure is ideal for enjoying the freshness of the outdoors without having to worry about the elements. The cost for this type of patio room will be considerably less since there is already an existing roof and foundation. Adding a kneewall to this type of patio enclosure will enhance the look of the structure.

Additional Sunroom Information:

- When planning your sunroom, decide what the function and use of the sunroom will be.
- The quality of the material and workmanship will make a difference in the longevity of your sunroom.
- Sunrooms are also referred to as "Florida Rooms" or "Patio Rooms".
- Consider whether your sunroom will have air conditioning or heating.
- Many people use their sunroom for an office space or family room. Your sunroom design may need to incorporate electricity into the plan.
- Design your sunroom based on your lifestyle and personality.
- Buying a sunroom is a major purchase and should not be entered into lightly. Sunrooms made of the same material are not always of the same quality.

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