

Awnings and Window Drop Screens: Which is Better

When it comes to shading your home, office, or commercial building, using an awning or a window drop screen can be the choice. But which is better? Well, here's what you need to know:

- **Awnings** provide a larger area of shade – typically they cover backyard windows, sliding doors, or outdoor areas for businesses and are typically installed on the outside of the building.
- **Window drop screens** cover only the windows, but when ***on the outside of the window offer significant protection against heat build up.***
- **Awnings** provide outdoor shade as well as shading your interior, while still allowing natural light in. This means your cooling off your building but still enjoying the day.
- **Window drop screens** don't provide that eye-stunning appeal that an awning or a graphic awning provides; applicable for businesses. And further ***if installed on the inside of the window, offer no significant help with heat build up.***

We could go on and on about why awnings and **exterior** window drop screens are simply a better way to shade your home or office, store, or restaurant. Awnings provide the ability to expand your footprint without buying or leasing more space. Window drop screens cannot increase your footprint, but can be deployed with electronic controls that can be used for multiple windows. Awnings can also be retractable.

Finally, consider the solar heat gain to which you're building is subject: An awning shades half a large portion of your building which keeps it cool, and ultimately, the interior's temperature is lower. Exterior drop screens block out the light to the specific window and reduce solar heat gain to that window, but not the side of the building.

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