



Shading America's Homes Since 1981



REDUCE YOUR ENERGY COSTS UP TO 25%

Sunesta Awnings Offer Energy Efficient Solutions for Homeowners

As our society becomes increasingly aware of environmentally friendly, or "green" practices such as water conservation and recycling, industry leaders are recognizing that awnings help to reduce a home's overall energy consumption. More and more, studies performed by a range of organizations indicate that awnings will increase a home's energy efficiency.

- According to the Professional Awning Manufacturers Association, awnings can reduce air conditioning costs by as much as 25%.

- According to the American Society of Heating and Air Conditioning, fabric awnings can reduce interior heat gain up to 77%.

- A 2007 study conducted by the Center for Sustainable Building Research at the University of Minnesota concluded that "awnings result in cooling energy savings by reducing direct solar gain through windows." The study compared the energy efficiency of homes with awnings and homes without awnings in 12 cities across the United States.

- In cooler climates, the study revealed that homes with window awnings saved an average of 23% on cooling energy costs per year.

- In warmer climates, the study showed that homes with window awnings saved an average of 14 - 20% on cooling energy costs per year.

- The study also revealed that homeowners with retractable awnings achieve the lowest energy use by retracting the awnings in winter months and extending them during warmer months.

- According to the Department of Energy publication, *Cooling Your Home*, awnings block up to 90% of solar heat that is absorbed through windows.

Awnings block the energy of the sun **BEFORE** it is allowed to pass through the window and get trapped in the home or building.

WITHOUT AWNING



WITH AWNING



Additional Benefits of Sunesta Awnings:

- Block the sun, but keep your view
- Protect your furnishings
- Retract on cloudy days to maximize sunlight

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