

Why Consider a Retractable Awning?

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Is your outdoor space too sunny? Is it just too hot to enjoy? Would you like to have some shade in your birdcage? Turn it into an enjoyable living space with a retractable awning. Imagine yourself relaxing in your now comfortable lanai or patio area. There are many different and colorful fabrics available for your awning so you can add a splash of color to brighten up the area or bring a sense of richness with the right color.

Retractable awnings allow you to control the sun on your living space. You can have sun when you want it and shade when the sun gets too intense. An awning will give your outdoor area a more intimate feel and help make your space feel more inviting even when the sun is not a problem. When you choose not to use your awning, it will retract to your wall. Motorizing your awning with a remote control will make opening and closing your awning as easy as a push of a button! You can also add a wind sensor that will automatically retract your awning when it senses too



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much wind. If you want, you can also include a sun sensor, which will automatically extend your awning.

Swing-arm awnings are an excellent way to provide shade over windows. They give you the coverage similar to fixed awnings but can be retracted when you want an outdoor view. These awnings can also be motorized so you can put them up or down from the comfort of your favorite chair.

You can reduce the sun and glare on your windows by as much as 94% when you use a retractable awning. With this sun reduction comes the additional benefit of energy savings. Accordingly to a study by the University of Minnesota, funded by the Professional Awning Manufacturers Association, awnings play a role in reducing annual cooling costs. The PAMA did a study in Tampa that shows the net energy savings average 13% to 18% when awnings are used throughout the year. Awnings can be a great way to reduce heat gain and prevent cooling energy loss. ■

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