General Preservation Guidance

New Hampshire Preservation Alliance, Old House Resources

Includes links to the Alliance's preservation directory, and old house info & tips

https://nhpreservation.org/old-house-resources-overview

Historic New England, Tips for Homeowners

Find out about architectural styles, maintenance schedules, and more

https://www.historicnewengland.org/preservation/for-homeowners-communities/your-old-or-historic-home/

National Park Service

Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties are common sense historic preservation principles in non-technical language. They promote historic preservation best practices that will help to protect our nation's irreplaceable cultural resources.

https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1739/secretary-standards-treatment-historic-properties.htm

Preservation Briefs

Preservation Briefs provide information on preserving, rehabilitating, and restoring historic buildings. These publications help historic building owners recognize and resolve common problems prior to work.

https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1739/preservation-briefs.htm

Preservation Tech Notes

Preservation Tech Notes provide practical information on traditional practices and innovative techniques for successfully maintaining and preserving cultural resources.

https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1739/preservation-tech-notes.htm

All Wet & How to Prevent It ... Managing Moisture in Your Historic Home

Water, water everywhere! Without argument, it's essential to us. But in terms of the places where we live or work, unwanted moisture means erosion, corrosion and rot! This mini-web class can help anyone who cares for, or about, a historic house to better understand and deal with the three most common sources of the "wet stuff."

https://www.nps.gov/crps/tps/allwet/index.htm

From the Roof Down ... and Skin Deep.

This simple on-line long distance learning tool will guide you through the basics of historic preservation. This is an easy to use on-line guide for the historic home owner.

https://www.nps.gov/crps/tps/roofdown/index.htm

Walk Through Historic Buildings: Inside + Out

Learn to identify the visual character of a historic building

https://www.nps.gov/crps/tps/walkthrough/index.htm

Topics

Historic Windows

The Evolution of Window Sashes:

https://www.nh.gov/nhdhr/publications/documents/window_sash_handout.pdf

Preservation Brief 3: Improving Energy Efficiency in Historic Buildings:

https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1739/upload/preservation-brief-03-energy-efficiency.pdf

Preservation Brief 9: The Repair of Historic Wooden Windows:

https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1739/upload/preservation-brief-09-wood-windows.pdf

Preservation Brief 13: The Repair and Thermal Upgrading of Historic Steel Windows: https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1739/upload/preservation-brief-13-steel-windows.pdf

National Trust Window Tip Sheet:

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/56b74bc427d4bd8d3cff12f6/t/57ffd38f2994cab93018ba7f/1476 383637445/historic wood windows tip sheet.pdf

13 Things You Should Know About Retrofitting Your Windows:

https://savingplaces.org/stories/preservation-tips-tools-retrofitting-historic-windows#.XqrKPqhKhPY

A Comparative Study of the Cumulative Energy Use of Historical Versus Contemporary Windows: https://www.bostonmagazine.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2011/06/Grant-Final-Report-12-3-2010.pdf

Testing the Energy Performance of Wood Windows in Cold Climates: A Report to the State of Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, Agency of Commerce and Community –

https://ncptt.nps.gov/blog/testing-the-energy-performance-of-wood-windows-in-cold-climates-a-report-to-the-state-of-vermont-division-for-historic-preservation-agency-of-commerce-and-community-development-1996-08/

Lead Safety

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Lead Paint Safety Guide

https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/HH/documents/Lead%20Paint%20Safety%20Field%20Guide%202019 %20NEW.pdf

To find lead safety certified contractors in your area:

https://www.epa.gov/lead

Local and Regional Assistance

New Hampshire Preservation Alliance directory of contractors/consultants

https://nhpreservation.org/directory

DHR architectural historian consultants list

https://www.nh.gov/nhdhr/review/architectural_history_consultants.htm

Find a Window Restoration Specialist -- Window Preservation Alliance

https://windowpreservationalliance.org/

Find a Stone Wall Contractor -- The Stone Trust

https://thestonetrust.org/