

How to buy a conservatory?

WHAT EVERYBODY SHOULD KNOW BEFORE THEY BUY A CONSERVATORY.



You may have decided it would be great to integrate your house and garden with a conservatory.

Or you may live in a town house where extending the property with an ingeniously designed conservatory is the most practical way of achieving valuable additional space.

A conservatory can be a beautiful and practical way of creating an extra room, a place where you can relax and enjoy the outdoors all year round. But if a conservatory is to be a permanent and comfortable part of your home it will need to be carefully designed and constructed.

Here are some valuable tips about what to look for when choosing the firm to build your conservatory.

Is the conservatory really designed to meet my needs?

Marston & Langer believes every client is unique. A glass building designer works with you to achieve the conservatory design you want and that will suit your existing house. Over a thousand conservatories have been built by M&L but no two are alike.

Is it built to withstand the severe storms I'm likely to experience in the next fifty years?

There are significant differences in the way conservatories are constructed. M&L's are constructed from the toughest hardwoods with a hidden steel core in the major frame sections and built to last as long as the house to which they are attached.

We use only safety glass of great strength held in place by individual glazing bars and constructed to withstand the heaviest snow falls, including drifting snow on the roof.

Our experience shows that ready-made plastic and rubber fittings will not last the fifty year minimum life that they require for their buildings which is why we have developed our own roof system. All roof fixings are stainless steel, and enamelled if visible – the attention to detail that is required to build the best possible conservatory.

How often will it need painting?

The paint on your conservatory is its first line of defence. Is it up to the job?



Paints used by M&L are water-based, environmentally friendly, have a high-pigment formulation, and are exclusively made to our specifications. Exterior paintwork will last up to ten years while roof sections and other enamelled work will last up to twenty years.

Will it be too hot in summer or too cold in winter?

A conservatory that cannot comfortably be used all year round is a bad investment. To be comfortable in the warmest and coolest weather your conservatory requires careful design and construction.

We design each building with large ventilators, large doors that can be folded right back, and plenty of openable windows. They can be warmed and cooled by an automatic temperature control system. And the glass insulates against UV light, heat-loss, and excessive solar gain. Result: a comfortable, useable room throughout the year.

Will I need to get planning permission?

Contrary to what many people believe, glass buildings are no different to solid extensions when it comes to planning permission.

Whether you're planning a conservatory for your townhouse in the city or your home in the country, you will need to obtain the required permits, however, the rules regarding permitting often vary from state to state.

Your builder or architect can apply for permits with your local building department or architectural review board.

I live in a historic district- will I be able to add a conservatory to my home?

Permits are typically granted just as long as the work done contributes to the retention of the area's historic character. By creating a custom designed conservatory that is tailored to your needs and the style of your existing home, M&L will accomplish this.



How should I organize the interior of my conservatory?

At M&L, we understand that your conservatory is more than a structure – it's a room as well. Through our interiors service, we will discuss and determine your likes and dislikes and will assist you with interior and exterior lighting, paint colors, furnishings, and accessories from our own home products range, naturally including personal items of your own. Many items from our range have been exclusively designed for our conservatories through our experience creating them throughout Europe and the USA.

Nobody builds conservatories quite like Marston & Langer. There's no magic to it, simply an obsessive attention to detail and desire to build the very best. It's Marston & Langer's policy to comply with the toughest American and European standards for materials and workmanship. In other words: it's not what they do, it's the way that they do it.