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## Open windows and doors — let the breeze in

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Being a Florida native, I can remember like it was yesterday how much we loved this time of year as children. Sleeping with the windows open, a cool breeze blowing through the house. Maybe even a sweatshirt for the bicycle ride to school. Use the following handy tips to help you get the most out of this wonderful time of the year.

For many this might be the first time home windows have been opened in months. Sometimes people find out that windows won't stay open when they're tried for the first time. Most windows have a "balance system" that helps to raise the



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window to the up position and then keep it up. If your window "travels down," you might need the balance rods adjusted or replaced. The good news is this repair is relatively inexpensive. Contact a window specialty contractor. Often they will stock these parts, and the fix is easy and fast.

To really enjoy the breeze, check out some of the new products available specifically designed to cover very large sliding glass door openings and swing door openings. These new screens systems are retractable, concealed and allow you to enjoy this great weather.

Another new product is a retractable electric screen to cover your lanai area. This product allows homeowners to create a screened area but raise and lower it with the convenience and ease of pushing a button. The tracks are on the sides, and screens are concealed in a well-designed box at the top and nothing to stub a toe on at the bottom.

