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BMAA INDUSTRY GUIDELINE

BMAA has prepared an Industry Guideline regarding **Plantation Shutters**.

Plantation Shutters are an appealing window and door dressing, considered to be at the pinnacle of window covering types. They are manufactured from robust materials, and are considered to be fine furniture that typically increases the value of a home.

Compared to other window covering types, the robust nature of Plantation Shutters also makes them substantially heavier, and when gravity combines with a Hinged or Bi-fold installation method, it is usual for slight dropping or sagging to occur to the panels when operated out of their closed position.

The louvres of the shutter are used to control the light entering a room, but where access to the window is required for opening or cleaning the window, the shutter panels can be swung out of the way. It is expected that the panel will need to be lifted or assisted back into the window frame when closing, to support the panel and avoid damage to the window frame. To maintain structural integrity, shutter panels should be returned to their closed position promptly.

Shutters are not expected to provide complete blackout, and are designed primarily to allow the user to easily and efficiently control light and airflow.