

Awning Re-Cover vs Replacement Decision Matrix

Use this planning matrix to decide which awning quote path may need review before approving a scope. This resource helps buyers organize the discussion. It does not determine safety, structure, code compliance, approval status, or final scope.

1. Condition & Scope Decision Matrix

Condition or Need	Graphic Update May Fit	Re-Cover May Fit	Replacement May Fit
Existing frame appears usable	Maybe, if surface is suitable	Often a candidate for review	Not always needed
Fabric is faded or off-brand	Maybe, if graphics can be updated cleanly	Often a candidate	Maybe, if frame or mounting is unsuitable
Fabric is torn, loose, or visibly damaged	Usually limited	Maybe, after frame review	May need review
Frame condition is unknown	Do not assume	Needs review first	May be required after review
Brand layout does not fit old shape	Usually limited	Maybe, if adaptation works	May be needed
Landlord criteria changed	Maybe	Maybe	May be needed
Lighting is being added or changed	Needs review	Needs review	May be needed
Multi-location consistency is required	Useful for minor updates	Useful when frames are consistent	May be needed for uneven sites

2. Site Review Prompts & Action Checklist

Site Review Prompt	Prompt Notes
Visible condition of fabric or surface?	Document tearing, fading, seam separation, or frame corrosion.
Does existing shape match new brand layout?	Verify valance, projection, slope, and logo position.
Is frame condition known or unknown?	Inspect frame attachment points and mounting hardware.
Landlord, tenant, or shopping center rules?	Check maximum projection, color restrictions, and sign criteria.
Local permit or historic review applicable?	Confirm municipal setback, clearance, and design guidelines.
Lighting being added, removed, or changed?	Confirm electrical supply, conduit path, and lighting type.
Old awning removal impact on facade?	Assess wall patch, paint, and masonry repair requirements.
Coordination with other signage?	Review channel letters, window graphics, or blade signs on site.

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