

Early Post-War Tract—1940s through 1960s



The Early Post War Tract style has its roots in the international style of architecture, which was popular in the 1940s through the 1960s. After World War II, the demand for housing was high, and developers began creating tracts of homes with similar plans and exterior elevations. This was the first time that housing was mass-produced. Ontario, like many other communities in Southern California, has many early tract homes, as pictured left and below. Many of these homes, however, have been altered over the years, and no longer retain their original appearance.

Common Features

- Stucco exterior walls
- Low pitched gable or hipped roofs
- Small porches, if any
- Front or side facing garages
- Very few exterior details
- Single story

Windows

Windows were typically aluminum sliding windows. Some homes of the style, built before World War II still used wood frame single-hung or casement windows. Windows usually had no trim.

Doors

Doors were single panel doors.

Colors

Homes were typically painted white on the base, with a variety of trim colors.

