



Keep your windows looking like new



Your new quality, professionally installed double glazing will look stunning in your home. However, weathering, traffic fumes, damp and general wear and tear can sometimes discolour double glazing and spoil the look. So to help keep your new windows and doors looking as good as the day they were installed, here are our top tips:-

Cleaning your windows

- ◆ All parts that are exposed when the window is closed, should be washed down with warm mildly soapy water using a soft cloth, and dried thoroughly.
- ◆ Parts exposed when the window is open should be simply wiped clean, removing grime from old lubricant, airborne debris and remains of insect life, etc.
- ◆ Wipe the gaskets with a damp cloth, avoid getting any soapy water onto the gaskets, as this can cause damage to them, leading to moisture getting underneath.
- ◆ To make your glass sparkle, a good tip is to use a rolled up pair of old socks with a traditional cleaning solution of vinegar and water to polish the windows (avoiding the gaskets). This is super cheap and will make your glass gleam!
- ◆ Although high pressure water sprays work wonders on patios & driveways, do not be tempted to use them on your double glazing. It might seem like a quick and easy option but the intense pressure can weaken the sealant and could even cause the glass to crack.

Maintaining your windows

- ◆ Never use anything abrasive – even cream cleaners are mildly abrasive. Using abrasives will scratch the surface which will trap the dirt.
- ◆ By regularly vacuuming the frames, openings and seals you can avoid dirt building up and discolouring or damaging your windows. Regular vacuuming can save time too as it will mean you'll need to use soap and water less often to clean your windows.
- ◆ Handles should be lightly lubricated (twice a year) with a light machine oil between the handle and backplate.
- ◆ Keep the friction stay track free from dirt and grime and keep the hinge mechanism clean. Do not use any abrasive cleaning products. Use only cleaners that have no effect on the corrosion protection properties of the fittings. **DO NOT LUBRICATE THE FRICTION HINGES.**
- ◆ Where humidity levels are high, condensation may occur on cold surfaces in the room. This can easily be counteracted with correct ventilation. Windows should be opened on a daily basis sufficiently frequently to allow the moist air out and fresh air in. If you have tilt/turn style windows, a room can be ventilated by leaving the windows in the tilt position for a few minutes.