

Window Cleaning



Forget window cleaner and a roll of paper towel – you'll just end up pushing dirt around and leaving smudges behind. Here's what you need to really clean those windows.

List of Window Cleaning Supplies

Strip applicator with cloth head — This tool looks like a squeegee but has a cloth strip instead of rubber, You may want one with agitation that is also available. Be sure to get the size that suits the type of window

High-quality squeegee — Opt for one with a metal frame that will last for years to come and with a replaceable rubber blade. The size squeegee you get depends on the type of windows you are cleaning. **

Bucket — Stick to a smaller size, one that allows you to easily move it from window to window and to carry it up a ladder. Again, be sure your Strip applicator fits inside.

Ladder — Choose a sturdy one with a platform on which to set your bucket. Optional for taller windows.

A Good Cleaner — If using a concentrate, more is never better and can cause smearing or hazing. Don't glug, measure or use a Ready to Use product. Also sticking to professional and not retail items will not only save you money, but also give you a better cleaning.

Microfiber Cloth — Use new rags to avoid leaving streaks behind or be sure to dry your rags without fabric softener, as it can transfer its residue to your windows.

Rubber gloves — Protect your hands from the drying effects of cleaning solutions.

Razor Blade Mounted in a holder - Use for removing paint specks and labels

** Keep your squeegee fitted with a sharp, new rubber blade. Purchase two or three to have on hand. Some change their squeegee blades as often as once a day. That's because you just can't do a good job if the edge of the blade becomes nicked, sliced or rounded over with use. If your squeegee leaves streaks or just isn't performing like new, don't hesitate to replace the blade. You can get a little more mileage out of blades that aren't nicked or sliced by simply reversing them to expose a fresh edge. When you store the squeegee, make sure nothing touches the blade.

Washing Windows

1. If needed mix your cleaning chemical. Don't for get more is not better and that the color of the product does not pertain to the strength of the end product.

2. As needed, Remove paint specks and labels with a razor blade mounted in a holder. Always use a new blade to avoid scratching the glass. Wet the window first and push the blade across once. Rinse the blade and repeat on the next section to avoid trapping debris under the blade that could scratch the glass. Do not use a razor blade on tempered glass.

2. Dip the Strip Applicator in the water, then wring out excessive solution.

3. Scrub the window using the Strip Applicator.

4. Clean a starting strip. Tip the squeegee so that only the corner contacts the glass. Then, starting at the top corner of the glass, clean a narrow strip of glass from top to bottom on one side. This clean strip makes it easier to start the horizontal strokes.

4. Squeegee the window clean. Press the squeegee blade against the glass in the upper corner and pull it steadily across the window. Concentrate on keeping the top of the squeegee in contact with the top edge of the window.

5. Wipe the blade on the clean cloth in your front pocket or wipe it across the scrubber to remove dirt and excess water.

6. Begin again, with the top of the squeegee overlapping the previous stroke about 2 in. Pull the squeegee across the window at an angle to direct excess water down. Wipe and repeat. Others use the reverse-S pattern to clear windows of solution. Try each way to see which you like best.

7. Use the cloth to wipe up excess water along the bottom edge of the window. Then poke your finger into a dry spot on a separate lint-free rag and run it around the perimeter of the window to remove any remaining suds. Wipe off any streaks using a clean area of the microfiber cloth. Change cloths when you can't find any fresh, clean areas.