

Window & Glass Cleaning Guide

Professional Window & Glass Cleaning Checklist From YD Commercial Cleaning Services,
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Tools & Supplies You'll Need

Essential Tools

- Window squeegee (12-24 inches)
- Microfiber cloths or lint-free towels
- Bucket for cleaning solution
- Soft-bristle brush or sponge
- Squeegee handle extension (for high windows)
- Newspaper or coffee filters

Cleaning Solutions

- Commercial window cleaner
- White vinegar (natural alternative)
- Distilled water (prevents streaking)
- Soap and water solution
- Alcohol-based solution (for stubborn grime)

Step-by-Step Cleaning Process

1. Prepare & Remove Obstacles

- Remove any items blocking window access
- Close windows to protect interior
- Place protective covering on ledges and floors
- Gather all cleaning supplies

2. Dust & Dry Brush

- Use dry brush to remove dust and loose particles
- Brush frames, sills, and track areas
- Pay attention to corners and crevices
- Remove cobwebs and debris

3. Apply Cleaning Solution

- Mix cleaning solution in bucket (or use spray bottle)
- Dip soft brush or sponge in solution
- Apply solution to window, starting from top
- Let solution sit for 1-2 minutes on stubborn stains
- Work from top to bottom to avoid re-cleaning

4. Scrub Gently

- Use soft-bristle brush to gently scrub glass

- Focus on stubborn spots and dried residue
- Scrub frames and sills thoroughly
- Use circular motions for best results
- Be careful not to scratch the glass

5. Squeegee Off Excess Liquid

- Dip squeegee blade in clean water first
- Starting at top, pull squeegee down in one smooth motion
- Wipe blade with clean cloth after each pass
- Overlap each pass slightly (about 1-2 inches)
- Use vertical strokes for large windows
- Use horizontal strokes for horizontal windows

6. Dry & Polish

- Immediately dry remaining water with microfiber cloth
- Use newspaper or coffee filters for streak-free finish
- Polish in circular motions
- Check for streaks against light
- Touch up any remaining moisture

7. Clean Frames & Sills

- Wipe window frames with clean, damp cloth
- Clean window sills and ledges
- Remove any solution residue
- Dry frames and sills thoroughly

Special Glass Types

Tinted or Treated Glass

- Use mild cleaning solutions only
- Avoid abrasive materials or harsh chemicals
- Check manufacturer recommendations first
- Use distilled water for rinsing

Tempered Glass

- Handle with care (can break if stressed)
- Use gentle pressure when cleaning
- Avoid extreme temperature changes
- Never use sharp tools on the surface

Skylights & High Windows

- Always use proper safety equipment (harness, ladder)
- Consider hiring professionals for high-up windows
- Use extension poles for safer reach
- Never lean or stretch excessively

Problems & Solutions

Streaks

- Use distilled water instead of tap water
- Ensure squeegee blade is clean
- Dry immediately with lint-free cloth
- Avoid cleaning in direct sunlight

Water Spots

- Use vinegar solution to remove mineral deposits
- Use distilled water for final rinse
- Polish dry immediately
- Consider water softener for regular cleaning

Stuck-On Residue

- Apply solution and let sit for longer (5-10 minutes)
- Use plastic scraper (not metal) for stubborn spots
- Apply rubbing alcohol for dried paint or glue
- Repeat application if necessary

Professional Tips for Streak-Free Windows

- ✓ Timing: Clean on a cloudy day or when sun isn't directly on windows. Direct sun causes solution to dry too quickly, causing streaks.
- ✓ Newspaper vs Cloth: Crumpled newspaper is excellent for streak-free drying. Coffee filters also work well.
- ✓ Water Temperature: Warm water works better than cold for dissolving soap and dirt.
- ✓ Squeegee Technique: The key is keeping the blade clean. Wipe the blade after every pass.
- ✓ Order Matters: Clean outside first, then inside. This prevents dirty water from dripping on clean areas.

Need professional window cleaning?