

Caring For Your Windows and Doors



*With a Little Care, Your
Windows and Doors Can Last
Longer and Look Better*



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Frame Cleaning



Keeping your windows and doors clean means more than just the glass. Here are some helpful tips for cleaning your window and door frames effectively without damaging them.

- Vacuum dirt from sill and track areas before washing.
- Clean window and door frames with a mixture of mild dish soap* and water.
- Abrasive or caustic cleaners or solvents are never recommended because they might cause permanent damage to the frame finish.
- Mild, nonabrasive soaps* are usually safest for most dirt and stain removal.
- Always rinse completely with clear water and wipe dry.
- Check to make certain that drainage or “weep” holes are always clear of dirt or obstructions—both inside and outside the window or door in the bottom of the frame. **Note:** If the window is “stacked,” there may be weep holes between units.

*Ivory® is an example of a mild dish soap. Always test cleaners in an inconspicuous area first.

Glass Care



Glass care today is more important than ever. Insulating, low-e or heat reflective glass requires proper maintenance to ensure their complete effectiveness.

- Never use any petroleum-based cleaners, or caustic chemicals on your glass.
- Never use a razor blade, putty knife or abrasive pad to clean the glass.
- Do not use a high-pressure spray nozzle when rinsing your windows after washing.
- All of these practices may damage the glass surface, the insulating glass seal, or component parts.
- Clean glass with a mixture of mild dish soap* and water. Rinse completely with clear water, then wipe dry with a soft cloth to avoid water spots.
- Avoid washing glass in direct sunlight.
- Abrasive or caustic cleaners are never recommended because they might cause permanent damage to the finish or the glass.
- Clean screens by first removing, then washing on a flat, clean surface with mild soap and water and a soft brush. Rinse, wipe dry and reinstall.

