

Glass and Glazing



Like any part of the home, glass needs care and maintenance to function at full capacity. The following maintenance and cleaning tips are provided to help you prevent permanent damage and maximise the performance of the glass in windows, doors and conservatories.

During Installation

Protect glass during construction. Construction dust, leachate from concrete and rusting from steel can contribute to the formation of mild chemicals, which may stain or otherwise damage the glass.

1. Remove all product identification labels from the outside surface.
2. Remove any adhesive residue with a clean, lint-free cloth saturated with isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol or other acceptable mild solvents.
3. Spray the glass with a mixture of 50% distilled water and 50% isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol.
4. Thoroughly flush the glass with water to remove any loosened dirt and residual-cleaning agents from the glass surface.
5. Allow the glass to self-dry or squeegee it dry.

Toughened glass requires special care. The glass surface opposite the standards compliance stamp may have 'pickup' on the surface. 'Pickup' is a deposit of very small particles of glass which are fused to the glass surface. Use a soft, lint-free cloth to avoid dislodging these and scratching the glass.

Ongoing Care and Maintenance

If your glass has a stubborn deposit that does not rinse away, hand cleaning may be required. If hand cleaning is required:

- Use a mild soap or acceptable window cleaning solution.
- If you must contact the surface of the glass to remove heavy soil, use a clean, lint-free cloth to gently dislodge the dirt. Be aware that some soil deposits may contain abrasives, and vigorous wiping across the glass could cause scratching or damage to the glass surface.
- After the soil is removed, thoroughly rinse all cleaning solution and dirt/debris off the glass.
- Rinse and dry all cleaning solution from window gaskets, sealants and frames.

Do not:

- use scrapers or razor blades to remove stubborn deposits or labels.
- use abrasive cleaning solutions.
- allow splashed materials, such as paint or mortar to dry on the glass surface.
- clean the glass when it is hot or in direct sunlight.

For more tips on keeping the best possible finish, visit our website (www.gowercroft.com/aftercare).

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