

EXTERIOR WINDOWS

MAINTENANCE TIPS

To ensure that your windows operate properly at all times, here are a few tips:

Horizontal sliding windows – Keep the track clean. Use an old toothbrush with the head lightly coated with a dust rag formula such as a furniture polish.

There are two pieces of sponge-like material located at the sill section at each end. These should be removed and cleaned once a year and placed back in their original location. This material is designed to block dust from coming through the water weep holes. The water weep holes should be kept free of debris to ensure that your windows will allow water to flow out during periods of rain. Spray the tracks periodically with a silicone spray available at your local hardware store. Avoid products that contain oil.

Vertical sliding windows – A silicone spray applied to the spiral balances located on each side of the window will keep the window operating efficiently.

Sliding glass doors – Follow the same operation as your horizontal sliding windows to ensure years of smooth operation.

For all windows and sliding glass doors:

- Do not apply excessive pressure on windows when cleaning.
- Be sure that the weep holes are kept open to allow water to drain.
- Do not lean ladders against windows.
- Make sure windows are closed and locked around young children. Window screens are not designed as safety screens and will dislodge or tear when pressure is applied.
- For safety, tempered glass is used in certain areas of the home. Tempered glass is stamped on these windows for identification.
- If the outside of the glass is extremely dirty, first wipe with a lint-free cloth. Wash with a solution of 1 tablespoon of household ammonia to a quart of warm water, or use a commercial glass cleaner containing ammonia.
- For lightly soiled windows, use a solution of 1 cup of vinegar per gallon of water. Apply the cleaning solution with lint-free cloth or sponge and dry the glass with a chamois, lint-free cloth or paper towel. A squeegee will expedite the process. Window frames may be cleaned with a mild detergent solution.
- Vacuum the tracks on the windows and sliding doors periodically.