

# GLASS CARE GUIDE



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## **Glass**

It's always best to clean your windows on a cloudy day, as the sun tends to dry the glass too quickly which can cause unsightly streaks and smears. Sparkling views, including laminated glass and Georgian bars can be achieved by:

- Removing hand and wrist jewellery to avoid scratching the glass
- For very grimy glass, prewash the glass with soapy water
- Use a household glass cleaner or a washing up liquid solution and a microfiber cloth or soft lint-free cloth
- Rub the surface in a circular motion to remove spots
- Wipe the glass with vertical strokes, followed by horizontal wipes
- Carefully remove any dirt or grime in the corners and edges with a cotton bud or a soft brush
- Finally, buff up the glass with balled-up newspaper or a cotton cloth for a shiny finish.



## Leaded Glass

When cleaning leaded glass windows, take extra care to ensure that the lead is not accidentally dislodged from the glass surface.

All lead glazing bars are subject to a process called oxidisation.

When the lead is exposed to the elements, it becomes naturally weathered.

During oxidisation the lead reacts to chemicals in the atmosphere.

This is a natural process that forms a patina on the surface of the lead.

This is perfectly normal and will protect the lead against weather damage and creates the classic grey colour associated with lead.



## **SMARTGLASS**

Self-cleaning glass is particularly popular with glazed extensions located in hard to reach areas. However, SMARTGLASS is not 100% maintenance free as pollution and location-specific atmospheric conditions mean that it will occasionally require light cleaning.

Taking extra care not to scratch or damage the special 'self-clean' coating;

- Avoid contact with sharp, metal or abrasive tools or objects
- Keep all cleaning equipment clean, to prevent dirt or abrasive particles transferring back onto the glass and damaging it
- Avoid any glass treatment products containing silicones, abrasive particles or chemicals
- Soft clean water will do the job, but mild glass-cleaning products can be used in hard-water areas. A list of recommended cleaning products can be found at [selfcleaningglass.com](http://selfcleaningglass.com)
- Always apply water before attempting to clean off a specific mark on the surface
- Never walk on conservatory roofs.

It's also important to protect SMARTGLASS with a clean plastic sheet when future improvement works are carried out around it, which will protect it from damaging compounds or abrasive particles.



## **FAQS**

### **How to keep double glazed windows from getting draughty?**

To keep windows from getting draughts you need to make sure to check them sometimes.

Look for window locks that may have signs of corrosion, check window seals are not corroded or shrunk and make sure the window hinges do not have corrosion and are working properly.

Checking these elements of your double glazed window now and again to catch anything before it becomes a draught issue.

### **Can misted double glazing be repaired?**

Misted double glazing can be repaired but it is often better to replace the window.

Misted double glazing is often a sign that seals have broken. This means they will have to be replaced.

This can be a tricky job and it is best to call in a specialist to do this for you.

### **How do I stop my double glazing from misting up?**

To prevent double glazing from misting up keep the rooms in your home at a regular warm temperature.

Keeping a regular warm temperature will stop surfaces inside from getting cold which reduces the chance of misting.

When you are doing something that generates a lot of moisture like boiling something or showering, open a window close by to reduce the moisture in the air.

### **What is the life expectancy of double glazing?**

Depending on the frame material you use a double glazed window can last for the lifetime of a building.

Factors such as extreme weather exposure and quality of installation can also affect a window's life expectancy. To maximise the life expectancy of double glazing make sure to maintain and check it regularly so you can spot anything that may become a problem in the future.