

Congratulations on choosing windows and patio doors that offer the easy care and maintenance of vinyl. As a result, with only simple care and cleaning, your windows and doors can keep their beautiful appearance for years.

Like any surface exposed to outside elements, your windows and doors will get dirty from time to time, but cleaning them is easy. Often, heavy rains will wash the vinyl clean, but if the rain isn't enough, you can restore the splendor of your windows and doors by following these simple instructions.

Vinyl

- Wash using mild detergent (if necessary) and a soft cloth or ordinary soft bristle brush.
- For difficult to remove dirt and stains use the readily available household cleaners listed on the chart. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on use of the cleaners.
- For hard to clean areas, you can use a mildly abrasive cleanser such as Soft Scrub® or a Mr Clean® Magic Eraser®. Be careful with the use of any abrasive material as it could scratch the surface of the glass, window, or door frame.
- **DO NOT clean the windows or doors with a high-pressure washer. The extreme spray pressure could crack or destroy the caulking around the window or door.**
- **DO NOT USE liquid grease remover, strong soaps or detergents containing organic solvents, nail polish remover, furniture polish or cleaners containing chlorine bleach. These items could affect the surface appearance of the vinyl.**

Cleaners to Help Remove Stains From Vinyl Windows and Doors	
Bubble Gum	Fantastik® Scrubbing Bubbles® All Purpose Cleaner, Murphy Oil Soap®, solution of 30% vinegar and 70% water, Windex®
Crayon	Lestoil®, Mr Clean® Magic Eraser®
DAP (oil based caulk)	Fantastik® Scrubbing Bubbles® All Purpose Cleaner
Dirt and Scuff Marks	Fantastik® Scrubbing Bubbles® All Purpose Cleaner, Lestoil®, Mr Clean® Magic Eraser®, Murphy Oil Soap®
Felt-tip pen	Fantastik® Scrubbing Bubbles® All Purpose Cleaner, water based cleansers
Grass	Fantastik® Scrubbing Bubbles® All Purpose Cleaner, Lysol®, Murphy Oil Soap®, Windex®
Lipstick	Fantastik® Scrubbing Bubbles® All Purpose Cleaner, Lysol®, Murphy Oil Soap®
Lithium Grease	Fantastik® Scrubbing Bubbles® All Purpose Cleaner, Lestoil®, Murphy Oil Soap®, Windex®
Mold and Mildew	Fantastik® Scrubbing Bubbles® All Purpose Cleaner, solution of 30% vinegar and 70% water, Windex®
Motor Oil	Fantastik® Scrubbing Bubbles® All Purpose Cleaner, Lysol®, Murphy Oil Soap®, Windex®
Oil	Soft Scrub®, Mr Clean® Magic Eraser®
Paint	Mr Clean® Magic Eraser®
Pencil	Soft Scrub®, Mr Clean® Magic Eraser®
Rust	Fantastik® Scrubbing Bubbles® All Purpose Cleaner, Murphy Oil Soap®, Windex®
Tar	Soft Scrub®

*Cleaning materials are listed in alphabetical order

Glass

- For routine cleaning, we recommend using a 30% white vinegar and 70% water premixed cleaning solution. Use a soft, lint-free cloth or paper towels to wipe clean, rubbing in different directions. If there is any residual streaking, rinse with clear water and wipe again.
- Ammonia-free glass cleaners such as Windex® also produce good results.
- Rinse windows and doors first if there is excessive dirt and debris.
- Thoroughly dry water and/or cleaning solution from glass and all window surfaces.
- **DO NOT clean glass with a high-pressure washer. The extreme spray pressure could damage the glazing and destroy the seal of the insulating glass unit.**

Interior Laminates

- Use warm soapy water for routine cleaning and dry thoroughly.
- Mild household cleaners can also be used to clean interior laminates. Always test the cleaner on an inconspicuous area to ensure compatibility with the laminate surface.
- **DO NOT USE abrasive scrubbing devices, organic solvents or abrasive cleansers as they will cause surface damage.**

Exterior Coatings

- Wash using mild detergent (if necessary) and a soft cloth or ordinary long-handled soft bristle brush.
- Mild window cleaners that are safe to clean the exterior coating on windows and doors include Windex®, and Formula 409®.
- **DO NOT clean the exterior coating with a high-pressure washer. The extreme spray pressure could damage the exterior coating surface or crack and destroy the caulking around the window or door.**
- **DO NOT USE liquid grease remover, strong soaps and detergents containing organic solvents, nail polish remover, furniture polish or cleansers containing chlorine bleach. These items could affect the surface appearance of the vinyl.**

Screens

- For routine cleaning carefully vacuum your window screens
- To thoroughly clean window and door screens, remove the screens from the window or door frame. Place the screens on a flat surface (such as the driveway) and use mild soap and water with a soft bristle brush to remove dirt and grime. Clean both sides of the screen and around the interior and exterior of the frame. Rinse off the unit with lukewarm water. Allow the screen to dry completely before replacing in the window or door.
- **Do not use a high-pressure spray to clean screens; it could damage the screen.**
- Use extreme care when cleaning aluminum mesh, since it can be dented or creased if too much pressure is placed on the screen.

