



Make windows squeaky clean

Offer to help out with this satisfying household chore.

During summer, windows can get dirty and marked. This could be from people touching the glass as they open and close windows, or hot and dry weather followed by rain causing dust and dirt to streak panes. Cleaning windows is a satisfying job because you can really see the difference you've made. Whether you're cleaning inside or outside, or both, all you need are a few common household tools and products. Everyone has a different method for cleaning windows so ask an adult for help. Some people use a glass-cleaning product in a spray bottle, others make their own spray with white vinegar and water, or mix warm water with washing-up liquid in a bowl. If you can't reach the top of the windows, ask an adult to help you.

What you need

- Window cleaning solution and a bowl or bucket if you need one
- Cleaning cloths or sponges
- Microfibre cloths
- Squeegee (optional)

WARNING!
Ask an adult for permission before you start.



A ROYAL PANE

Buckingham Palace has 760 windows, which have to be cleaned every six weeks.

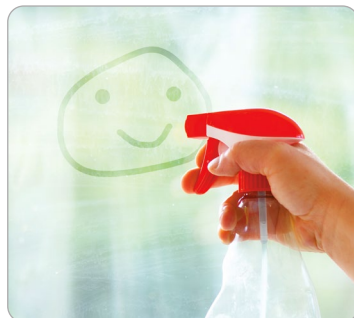


Gather materials and prep

Get all your tools together and prepare your cleaning solution if you're mixing it yourself. First, you'll need to clean the windows of any obvious dirt or debris. Inside, this could be dust or cobwebs and outside you might find chunks of moss. Inside, you can use a vacuum cleaner, feather duster or dust cloth. Outside, you could use a broom, dustpan and brush or put on some gardening gloves and use your hands.

Start cleaning

Once the window is clear of obvious dirt you can start. Spray on the solution according to the instructions on the bottle. If you have your own cleaner, soak a sponge or cloth with it, squeeze any excess out so it doesn't drip and start wiping it onto the window. Begin in the top corner and wipe across, then move back the other way, continuing in this "S" shaped movement until you've covered it all.



Repeat and wipe off

Repeat the previous step until the window is clean, including the frame. Once you're happy, wipe away the solution with a clean damp cloth or squeegee. With a squeegee, run it across or down the entire window pane, so you remove it at the edge of the glass, catching any water with a cloth. If you remove it in the middle you'll leave a water line. Repeat, all over, until all the solution is wiped off.

Buff and polish

Use a clean, dry microfibre cloth to polish the window until any water marks have gone. If you used a squeegee you might only need to polish the edges close to the pane. If you find any stubborn marks, such as bird droppings, that have survived your clean, spray a tiny bit of window cleaner or dab on a small amount of solution with your cleaning cloth. Buff until clear with the microfibre cloth.



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