

# Professional Window Cleaning

Quick Reference Guide

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## Solutions for common problems

- 1. Streaks**
  - If you are going to clean the windows yourself use professional detergents and microfibre cloths.
  - Regularly change dirty water and inspect all work areas after completion. A good time to clean the windows would be when it is sunny as streaks show up more when the sun is shining.
- 2. High up windows**
  - Most professional window cleaners use Reach and wash window cleaning equipment some of which are able to reach above 50ft. Velux windows can often be cleaned by pulling down a lever and rotating the glass so that it can be cleaned both sides.
- 3. Trust**
  - This is not a problem if you clean your windows yourself but If you employ a window cleaner try to find ones who are CRB cleared, who have a health and safety policy, are tax registered, and fully insured.
- 4. Availability**
  - If you are pushed for time look for window cleaners who provide emergency call out, one-off cleaning, and ad hoc window cleaning.
- 5. Expense**
  - To keep costs down some have found that using vinegar as a detergent and paper towels or newspaper as cloths is a cheap way to keep the windows clean. Alternatively if you go down the professional window cleaner route try to choose window cleaners that provide free quotes and that are local to your area.

## Best Practice

- 1. Risk Assessment** Assess risks , eliminate ladders where possible. Consult health and safety policy documents such as those on the [HSE. Web site](#).
- 2. Pets** Ensure that all pets are safely and humanely locked away.
- 3. Furnishings** Use dustsheets throughout.
- 4. Water** Only use water buckets that have lids, and mop buckets.

# Professional Results

## 1. Tools

To get the best window cleaning results possible you'll need to invest in the right kind of tools. The tools that will be needed for a professional job are.

- Washer scrubber
- Squeegee
- soap
- Rubber gloves
- pole
- bucket
- ladders
- scraper
- water purification equipment
- Carbon fibre poles
- Microfibre cloths

## 2. Techniques

Start by cleaning the outsides of your window. Wipe over the window with the washer scrubber in an up and down and side to side motion, removing as much dirt as you can. Now use your squeegee to wipe down the window. Using an even pressure, move the wiper squeegee from one side of the window to the other. Wipe the squeegee blade with a cloth. Then repeat the motion, this time overlapping the previous stroke. Continue in this manner until the window is dry. Before you begin to clean, protect the floor area from drips by surrounding the window area with old tea towel. As before, use the window washer to wash the windows with the detergent. When you're done, wipe the window with the squeegee. When the windows have dried, check to see if there are any remaining streaks of cleaning solution or dirt. If you do spot any, use your microfibre cloth. Rub this against the streak, and the glass will soon be spotless.

## Ways to Save Time

1. Choose the right day. Cleaning windows is best done by amateur window cleaners on a cloudy day. The sun will dry your cleaning solution quickly, and leave streaks of dried solution.
2. Think ahead. Before you start to clean the windows gather all your equipment together in one place so you won't have to run indoors while you are cleaning outside.
3. Outsource. Use a reputable window cleaning company to do the work for you.