

Dear Homeowner(s) Congratulations on your new home.

We at Versalite Windows along side your building team hope you enjoy your new home. We have put together a few tips on how you can keep your Versalite Windows & Doors performing and looking their best for years to come.

Care & Maintenance for Aluminium Windows and Doors

Aluminium Windows and **Doors** are low maintenance products with high durability. But Over the time some maintenance is required for the stiff spring, dirty frames and sticking. Cleaning **at regular interval** reduces the risk of break-downs and keeps your doors & windows clean, bright and lively for a long time.

Here are some cleaning tips, by adhering these one can ensure that their aluminium windows and doors will stay in peak condition **throughout the age** with optimum performance.

Cleaning of the Aluminium Frame

Clean the aluminium frames by following 5 very easy steps:

- **Step 1:** Douse the aluminium frame with water using a hose. It will make the job easier by removing the majority of the superficial dirt.
- **Step 2:** Wash the frames in warm water solution with a non alkaline liquid detergent. This may be either a special aluminium cleaner or a normal house hold laundry detergent. *Make sure the PH of the cleaner is less than 7.*
- **Step 3:** After the detergent wash, scrub the frame with a sponge OR a non abrasive cloth OR a very soft bristle brush. Pay more attention on ridges, grooves and joints where the contaminants are usually collected. With a smooth scrubbing you can easily eliminate the grime and other deposits.
- **Step 4:** Now rinse thoroughly with clean water, Make sure to rinse any residue or dirt left over by the cleaning product.
- **Step 5:** Use a soft cotton cloth to dry the frame top to bottom.

Cleaning of the Locking System

For optimum performance of locking system use a blower to eliminate the hidden water and then apply light lubricating oil to the key and insert it in and out in the cylinder for a few times. The lubricant will help to ensure an easy operation. You can encore this process in every 3 months.

Recommended Frequency of Cleaning

Normal Environment: Every 6 months

Marine & Industrial Environment: Every 3 months

If you are facing difficulty with the running mechanism and have tried all possible remedies without success than do not force the system, contact a handyman or glazier to attend to a service for your products.

Awning Windows With sashes open, the sash and perimeter frames should be cleaned regularly and kept clear of dust and foreign matter. All window operating hardware should be cleaned and operated regularly to ensure smooth operation. Lubricants should not be used on chain winder, as this will affect their operation – these are a self-lubricating unit

Double Hung Windows: Window jamb tracks should be cleaned regularly and kept clear of dust and foreign matter. Window operating hardware should be cleaned and **operated regularly**. It is imperative that both top and bottom sashes are operated fully on a regular basis to ensure smooth operation. Failure to operate regularly can force the hardware to get stuck and lose its lubricating properties.

Sliding Windows and Sliding Doors Sill recesses should be regularly cleaned and kept clear of dust and foreign matter. A brush and vacuum within the track area may be used to do this. Door locks should be checked from time to time for operation and may require adjustment to compensate for building settlement.

Hinged Doors: all drainage holes must be kept clean. Insure the triple lock keepers are kept free of any dust and foreign matter.