



To clean a window, you'll need the right tools, including a sponge and a squeegee. For hard-to-reach areas, you'll also need a pole extension.



After cleaning the entire window surface with a wet sponge, use a squeegee to dry it.



Never use a ladder to clean a high-up window yourself; this should be left to the professionals.

## Four Simple Steps for Cleaning a Window

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Window cleaning may seem like an easy task, but to ensure the best results, it's important to use the proper technique. Here's a simple four-step procedure:

1. Start by going over the window's surface with a wet sponge. You don't need to press hard or scrub vigorously to clean effectively.
2. After cleaning, use a squeegee to dry the window. Starting at the top, apply the squeegee at a slight downward angle and move it horizontally across the window surface. Repeat this motion back and forth across the window, all the way down to the bottom. Like the sponge, there's no need to use excessive pressure.
3. Starting at the top of the window, repeat the previous step with your squeegee but move in a brisk, fanning motion—this will help displace any residual moisture.
4. Use a dry towel to wipe the remaining areas where your squeegee can't access, including the very bottom of the window. You should also wipe along the entire inner perimeter of the window frame, collecting any remaining moisture to avoid beading or dripping.

Remember, even first-story windows can be hard to reach from the ground, so it's necessary to use a pole extension to access these sections. Using a ladder to clean windows can be dangerous and should only be left to professionals.



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