

Simonton Windows and Doors - Care and Cleaning

Q. How can I help maintain the quality and beauty of my new Simonton windows and doors?

- A.** With only simple care and cleaning, your windows and doors can keep their beautiful appearance for years to come. Vinyl won't pit, peel or flake over time, but like any surface exposed to outside elements, your windows and doors will get dirty. Often, heavy rains will wash the vinyl clean, but if the rain isn't enough, you can restore the splendor of the windows and doors by following these simple instructions:
- Wash using mild detergent (if necessary) and a soft cloth or ordinary long-handled soft bristle brush. **Do not wash the windows or doors with a high-pressure spray. The extreme pressure could crack or destroy the caulking around the window or door.**
 - For difficult to remove dirt and stains use the readily available household cleansers listed on the chart. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on use of the cleansers.
 - **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.**

Cleansers to Remove Stains From Vinyl Window and Door Frames

Bubble Gum	Fantastik®, Murphy Oil Soap®, solution of 30% vinegar and 70% water, Windex®
Crayon	Lestoil®
DAP(oil-based)	Fantastik®
Felt-tip Pen	Fantastik®, water based cleansers
Grass, Top Soil	Fantastik®, Lysol®, Murphy Oil Soap®, Windex®
Lipstick	Fantastik®, Lysol®, Murphy Oil Soap®
Lithium Grease	Fantastik®, Lestoil®, Murphy Oil Soap®, Windex®
Mold & Mildew	Fantastik®, solution of 30% vinegar and 70% water, Windex®
Motor Oil, Rust	Fantastik®, Lysol®, Murphy Oil Soap®, Windex®
Oil, Tar, Pencil	Soft Scrub®
Paint	Brillo® Pad

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Hurricane Preparation Tips

- If a hurricane is forecast for your area, secure all loose outdoor objects. If left out, these can become flying missiles when hurricane winds intensify.
- Make sure children know how and when to call 911 for emergency assistance.
- Check your insurance for flood damage coverage. Many homeowners do not have flood insurance as standard part of their insurance package. Yet, storm surge and flooding is a tremendous threat in hurricane-prone areas.
- Have a battery-powered NOAA weather radio and a flashlight available in your home and office.
- Have several days' supply of drinking water on hand.
- Be sure to have an adequate supply of special medicines and prescription drugs you may need.
- Cash can be extremely helpful if you're evacuating because many power-operated credit machines will not work. Plan to have sufficient cash on hand in case of an evacuation.
- During an evacuation, emotions can run high. Reduce the stress by pre-assigning different people to take different items from the home when evacuating.
- Have essential documents on hand in a watertight container, including birth certificates, passports, insurance policies, checkbooks and medical records.
- If you have pets, take special precautions to assure their safety in case of a hurricane. If evacuating, remember to bring food, water and any other essential items for your pet.
- Be ready for "After the Storm" by stocking up on essentials that will help put your home and yard back together. Include tarps, duct tape, heavy work gloves, gas cans, shovels, and rakes.



Keeping essential items on hand, such as a first aid kit is an important part of planning ahead. For further help, the National Hurricane Center has compiled a list that can assist you in assembling a Disaster Supply Kit.