

Carol's Fool Proof Window Washing Method

My mom's house always looked and smelled fresh, and she instilled in me the importance of having clean windows. Now, I make a point of cleaning them at least twice a year. It makes a huge difference!

Pro Tip #1: Clean windows on a cloudy day so that the sun doesn't dry them before you've had a chance to wash and dry them properly. This prevents that awful streaked look.

Pro tip #2. DO NOT use newspaper on your windows! It does not work and can cause a bigger mess.

Pro Tip #3. The secret to getting streak-free windows is making sure your water is never overly dirty. Change it as often as needed.

Pro Tip #4. Use clean cloths to wash and dry your windows. IF you have access to cloth diapers, these work best for drying. Otherwise, microfiber or else any clean, soft cloths will work for drying.

Pro Tip #5. Change your drying cloth as soon as it gets wet! Otherwise, your windows will look streaky.

What you will need:

A large pail

White Vinegar or ammonia

Dish soap

Several cleaning/drying cloths

1. Fill a pail of hot water and about $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of vinegar or ammonia and a tiny bit of dish soap. Grab a very clean rag and drying cloth.
2. Do one window at a time. Start by washing it with your solution. Repeat if necessary, making sure your pail is still filled with clean(ish) water (meaning, once you see your water start to get dirty, dump it out and replace it with a new, fresh solution). If there are smokers in your home, you will no doubt have to wash your windows two or three times to get rid of the nicotine residue. Same goes for homes where there is a lot of frying in the kitchen.
3. Using a big squeegee, dry your windows using a figure 8 motion across and down the window and then use your clean cloth to finish the job at the edges. OR, just use clean cloths only, but just make sure they are dry (you may need to replace them a few times throughout).
4. Clean out the window tracks and window sills. Freshen up the whole window area.

5. Enjoy your clean and beautiful windows!