

# Glass Cleaning Recommendations

## Our Recommendations

Before cleaning glass surfaces, check for exterior coatings applied by the glass manufacturer and review their cleaning procedures. Certain glass cleaning products may harm these coatings. One of the common mistakes made by non-glass trade people, including glass cleaning contractors, is their use of razor blades and other metal scrapers on a large portion of the glass surface. Using metal blades to scrape a window carries a large probability for causing irreparable damage to glass.

Sierra Glass Fabrication recommends metal blades never be used to remove materials from glass surfaces. Any use of a metal blade or other inappropriate or destructive cleaning techniques is at the risk of the owner/window cleaner and Sierra Glass Fabrication warranties do not cover glass scratching.

## Cleaning Guide - Do's and Don'ts

### “Do” Actions

- Do read the NGA-GANA-IWCA [publication](#) for cleaning glass
- Do follow the glass supplier's cleaning recommendations
- Do clean glass when dirt, residue, and other contaminants appear with a mild non-abrasive window cleaning solution
- Do dry all cleaning solutions from the window sealants, gaskets, and frames
- Do determine if exterior coatings are present on glass surfaces
- Do soak the glass surface with clean water and soap solution
- Do use a rubber squeegee, cloth, or paper towel to remove cleaning solution
- Do clean a small window and check no damage will occur

### “Don't Do” Actions:

- Don't clean tinted or coated glass in direct sunlight
- Don't use scrapers or razor blades for cleaning glass
- Don't allow materials to contact or lean against the glass surfaces
- Don't allow dirt and residue to remain on glass surfaces for an extended period of time
- Don't allow water or cleaning solutions to remain on glass surfaces or window components
- Don't use abrasive cleaning solutions or materials on glass surfaces