

Maintenance advice

Now your new windows, doors or conservatory has been installed, make the most of them by looking after them correctly. Here's how:

CLEANING YOUR WINDOWS AND GLASS

Particularly when cleaning uPVC frames, remember not to use anything abrasive because this will scratch the surface and trap the dirt.

To keep your new frames looking pristine, wash them with a mild solution of washing-up liquid and for any stubborn marks, lightly rub with the CIF crème cleaner, just not on every occasion because this can remove the shine.

To keep your aluminium window frames looking shiny and new, use mild dishwashing soap, a soft cloth and warm water to clean them. Always dry the windows thoroughly after they have been cleaned to prevent streaks.

For the glass, any type of proprietary glass cleaner is suitable.

CLEANING YOUR CONSERVATORY

To keep your conservatory in good condition and so it maintains its value, you will need to clean it regularly.

Remove debris from the gutters and clean the roof to ensure that small particles of dirt do not build up over time and reduce the light into your conservatory.

Like your windows, the glass in your conservatory will also become dirty, so ensure these are cleaned regularly using a glass cleaner. The frames should also be cleaned and ensure the correct method is used depending on what type of frame it is.

HOW TO CLEAN GUTTERING

When you are cleaning your gutters, ensure that the ladder you use is high enough for you to reach the guttering comfortably and that it doesn't lean against the guttering itself because this may lead to fracturing.

Remove any debris (leaves, twigs, moss) from the guttering using a gutter scoop, trowel or even a large domestic spoon.

When cleaning your gutters, keep an eye out for any damage to it and ensure that it is repaired straight away.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE ADVICE

To ensure your locks are effective, use WD40 twice a year on the locks and any metal surfaces around your doors and windows.

Don't worry if after heavy rain there is water laying in the bottom of your door and window frames, this will drain away through the drainage holes in the base.

To keep draughts out, remember to keep your door in the locked position with the handle thrown upward.

After work on your conservatory has been completed, a period of 'drying out' is necessary. Ensure maximum air circulation and ventilation during this process.