

Quick-Reference Guide to Cleaning Architectural Glass Products

The following “Do’s” and “Do Not’s” are offered as a supplement to the Glass Association of North America (GANA) Glass Information Bulletin – Proper Procedures for Cleaning Architectural Glass Products:

The following are things to DO:

- DO clean glass when dirt and residue appear
- DO determine if coated glass surfaces are exposed
- DO exercise special care when cleaning coated glass surfaces
- DO avoid cleaning tinted and coated glass surfaces in direct sunlight
- DO start cleaning at the top of the building and continue to lower levels
- DO use a mild, non-abrasive commercial window cleaning solution
- DO use a squeegee to remove all of the cleaning solution
- DO dry all cleaning solution from window gaskets, sealants and frames
- DO clean one small window and check to see if procedures have caused any damage
- DO be aware of and follow the glass supplier’s specific cleaning recommendations
- DO caution other trades against allowing other material to contact the glass
- DO watch for and prevent conditions that can damage the glass
- DO read the entire GANA bulletin on glass cleaning before starting to clean glass

The following are things NOT to do:

- DO NOT start cleaning without reading the entire GANA bulletin on glass cleaning
- DO NOT use scrapers of any size or type for cleaning glass
- DO NOT allow dirt and residue to remain on glass for an extended period of time
- DO NOT begin cleaning glass without knowing if a coated surface is exposed
- DO NOT clean tinted or coated glass in direct sunlight
- DO NOT allow water or cleaning residue to remain on the glass or adjacent materials
- DO NOT begin cleaning without rinsing excessive dirt and debris
- DO NOT use abrasive cleaning solutions or materials
- DO NOT allow metal parts of cleaning equipment to contact the glass
- DO NOT trap abrasive particles between the cleaning materials and the glass surface
- DO NOT allow other trades to lean tools or materials against the glass surface
- DO NOT allow splashed materials to dry on the glass surface