

5 secrets

Jonathan Bull of windowwasher.com.au lets us in on his top window-cleaning tips



little squirt

Jonathan's yellow bottle contains ordinary **dishwashing detergent**. You can get special detergents for window cleaning, but they are no better.



man of the cloth

If you just want to touch up some glass, use Ajax Spray n' Wipe then use a soft, dry, clean cloth, like a **microfibre kitchen cloth**, to wipe the window.

perfect conditions

Avoid cleaning windows in **direct sunlight**. It makes water evaporate too quickly and lint particles from rags dry and stick, leaving smears. Use **cold water**.

step up

My **ladder** (Bailey 3-step, from Bunnings) is very useful for reaching above doorways, or the top of windows in rooms with high ceilings. I can use it leaning on a wall closed, or open, using all legs.

buckets of fun

This shape **bucket** allows the mop to fit in lengthways, and to be evenly covered with water. The squeegee will also fit. (For similar, try windowcleaningonline.com.au.)



Window of opportunity

Jonathan uses a **Wagtail squeegee** (14-inch, \$25.73, windowcleaningonline.com.au). "First, wash the window with a window cleaning mop [has a long handle and removable sleeve] or sponge, dipped in water and detergent, then squeegee it off," he instructs. "The suds help lubricate the squeegee's rubber, so it's a lot easier to move around. It doesn't matter what direction you go in, just make sure to go right to the very top and edges." And to avoid streaks? "Make sure the rubber on the squeegee is clean before using it. If a rubber gets a little cut, it's finished. Get a new one." For stockists, see page 191.

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