

Southern Utah Hard Water Window Care Checklist

A practical guide to keeping glass clear between cleanings — from the team that deals with St. George's water and dust every day.

Southern Utah's water is naturally mineral-rich, and between that and red rock dust, windows here build up hard water spots and film faster than in most parts of the country. This checklist covers what you can reasonably do yourself between professional cleanings, and when it's time to call in a dedicated treatment.

Prevention — stop it before it starts

- ☐ **Redirect sprinkler heads** so they don't clip windows, glass doors, or screens during a normal watering cycle — even a few seconds of daily overspray adds up fast.
- ☐ **Check irrigation timing** against window exposure — early morning cycles that hit east- or south-facing glass will bake mineral deposits on before you're up to notice.
- ☐ **Trim landscaping** near windows so sprinkler spray patterns aren't bouncing off leaves or hardscape back onto the glass.
- ☐ **Wipe visible spotting promptly** with a plain water rinse and a squeegee — fresh mineral deposits come off far easier than ones that have had weeks to set.

Safe DIY maintenance between cleanings

- ☐ **Use a squeegee, not a rag**, for the final pass — rags redistribute water and leave more mineral residue behind as it dries.
- ☐ **Dry with a lint-free microfiber cloth** on the frame and sill immediately after rinsing, since standing water is exactly what leaves new spots.
- ☐ **Avoid abrasive pads or scouring powders** on glass — they can create fine scratches that make future hard water film adhere even faster.
- ☐ **Skip vinegar on tinted or coated glass** unless you've confirmed the coating can handle it — some low-E and tinted coatings are sensitive to acidic cleaners.

A note on "if a little works, more works better": heavier scrubbing or stronger home-remedy acids can help with light spotting, but they won't touch deep, long-set mineral deposits — and used too aggressively, they risk dulling the glass surface. That's the point where a dedicated hard water treatment (not just a stronger cleaner) actually makes the difference.

Signs it's time for a professional treatment

- ☐ White or cloudy spotting that doesn't wipe away with glass cleaner
- ☐ Staining concentrated on windows facing sprinklers or landscaping
- ☐ Small ring-shaped mineral deposits where droplets dried in place
- ☐ Glass that feels slightly gritty or textured to the touch

How often is normal, for this climate

Most St. George homes look their best with **quarterly cleaning**. If you're near a construction site, a dirt road, or dealing with heavy hard water exposure, **monthly service** keeps things spotless year-round instead of playing catch-up. Homes on a recurring plan rarely reach the point where hard water treatment is even needed — regular cleaning catches mineral buildup while it's still just a rinse-and-squeegee job.

Windows already past the DIY stage?

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