



Maintaining your timber windows: a quick guide



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Timber windows are easier to maintain than you think. Requiring just a quick clean when required, and a coat of paint every 6-8 years, the beautiful aesthetics and improved thermal performance of timber windows more than makes up for any maintenance. All of our Accoya wood windows, for instance, come with a 50 year guarantee. Here's a quick guide to keeping your timber windows looking and working at their best for many years to come!

Cleaning

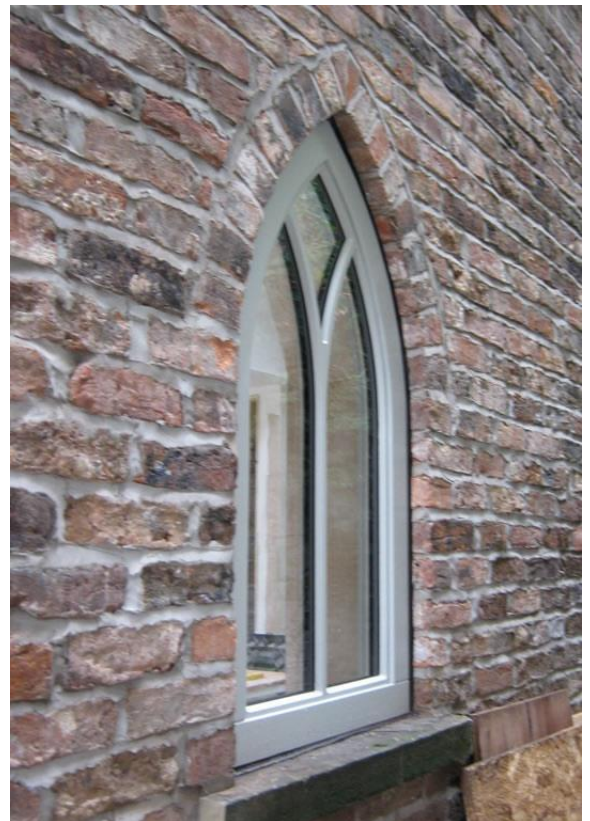
Regularly cleaning the glazing and timber surfaces of your timber windows will help keep them in excellent working order. When cleaning your window, be sure to use a non-solvent formula so that you don't damage the glazing or paintwork. Use a soft cloth, and preferably good old soap and water to get any grime off. Make sure that you take extra care when cleaning any hard to reach areas on a window.

Painting

Timber windows usually require regular repainting every 6-8 years depending upon weather conditions, the quality of your timber window and the paint type.

All of our timber windows are fully spray-finished for additional weather protection. This spray finish is equivalent to the strength of 17 brush coats. We recommend painting your window for the first time within 18 months of its installation to safeguard its weatherproofing properties. There's no need to sand it down beforehand – simply wipe it clean with a cloth. Accoya wood products will not need to be painted for the first 12 years you own them!

We recommend using Dulux Weathershield to paint your windows and doors. This is a high performance paint, excellently suited to the needs of timber windows. Here at Reddish, we can provide discount vouchers of 10-15% for our customers.



Step by step guide for painting a timber window

1. Wipe down the window frames with a damp cloth.
2. Apply masking tape around the edges of glass where it meets the window frame, to make sure that excess paint doesn't get onto the glass.
3. Start by opening the window and painting the bottom of the frame from the inside. By opening the window you can make sure it doesn't get sealed shut when painting!
4. Use a small brush and be sure to spread the paint slowly and evenly.
5. Next, paint the top of the window.
6. Again, using a small brush, paint the outside of the window.
7. Leave the window open until the paint has dried.
8. When the paint on the sashes has dried, paint the surrounds. Shut the window and paint the exposed edges of the channel. Paint the cill last.

When painting a timber window, it's important to make sure that you leave the joint where the window meets the frame free of paint. This will ensure that it does not get sealed shut and that you can open it when you want!