

Getting the most out of your curtains



- Open the curtains in the morning and close them before sundown. This allows the flow of air to circulate and will help to avoid fading in the fabric.
- Open windows for at least half an hour every day. Condensation occurs in every household from cooking, showering and even breathing! Opening windows every day will encourage the circulation of fresh air and dry out your home.
- Remove dust build up by regularly vacuuming your curtains to remove the build-up of dust and ingrained dirt. We recommend doing this fortnightly, or alternatively, shake your curtains or put them through a cold spin to remove dust build up and keep curtains fresh.
- Don't wash your curtains too often. Curtains can be washed in a machine, but hand washing curtains is better. Curtains should be air dried on the line to avoid shrinkage.
- Clean mould build-up on lining or replace lining where needed. Using vinegar and water regularly to clean the back of curtains will help keep mould away. Mould on curtains is not healthy and should be removed.

We recommend cleaning your curtains every 12 months.

Here are some tips to help with curtain cleaning:

- ✓ Do not handle fabrics with dirty hands as this will soil the fabric. Remove hooks and rims before cleaning.
- ✓ Cold or warm hand wash with a gentle detergent is best. Do not soak. Do not bleach. Do not wring or rub.
- ✓ If hand washing is not an option, machine wash on delicate using a cold cycle.
- ✓ Do not tumble dry. Drip dry in the shade with the fabric side down. Avoid the lining coated sides touching (they may stick).
- ✓ Warm iron on fabric side only.
- ✓ Summertime is the best time to clean curtains.

Cleaning Tips



How to hang your curtains



1

Before hanging the curtains, pull the string on the back to get an even gather. The curtains should be gathered so the curtain fits half of the window (do not tie off the ends yet).

2

Evenly put curtain hooks onto the back of the curtain tape. Counting how many gliders are on the curtain track will give you the number of curtain hooks to put onto the back of the curtains.

3

Hook the curtain hooks onto the curtain gliders on the tracks. Pull the curtain to halfway across the window. Pull the string again if the curtain reaches past halfway of the window.

4

Tie off the string. Twist all three cords so the cords stay together, and it is easier to tie off. We recommend using a simple slip knot tie to allow you to loosen and tighten the string as needed.

We are here to help!

If you have any questions give our friendly team a call on 0800 422 4828.

We are open Monday to Thursday 9am-4pm

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