

Tips for Cleaning Polycarbonate Sheets

[Polycarbonate](#) panels are known for their eye-catching, light-transmitting properties and are a popular substitute for glass in glazing applications. To keep your polycarbonate gleaming while also protecting the panel's UV coating, you'll need to follow some basic guidelines for their cleaning and care. Here's what to do and not to do when washing polycarbonate panels.

- Rinse the polycarbonate panel first and use warm water if possible. Saturate any dried-on debris and allow it to soak for a minute or two to loosen it up. Rinse away any debris before washing by hand, otherwise the debris can scratch the panel.
- Avoid using a power washer, as the water pressure can damage the UV coating. If you must use a power washer, use the mist setting.
- Use a mild soap, such as a dishwashing liquid. Don't use any cleaning product with harsh chemicals, including ammonia, alcohol, and bleach. If it's too harsh for direct skin contact, it's probably too harsh for your polycarbonate panel.
- If you're using a bucket, be sure to change the wash water often, and don't use dirty water or even slightly cloudy water to rinse the panel. Dirty water will leave a residue, and it can also make your next cleaning more difficult.
- Use a soft sponge or cloth. Don't use scrub brushes, scouring pads, or other rough materials that can score the surface and destroy the UV coating.

If you have cleaning products you want to use on your panels, but you are unsure if they're safe, check the manufacturer's website for a list of approved products or test the products on a small, inconspicuous area before applying to larger surfaces. Following these instructions will protect the UV coating on your polycarbonate panels and will keep them clean and clear throughout the life of the product.

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