



**CARE AND MAINTENANCE
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE**



CARING FOR YOUR NEW ALASKAN® WINDOW SYSTEM

Your **NEW Alaskan Window System** are designed for style, efficiency, and convenience. You will on occasion need to perform preventative maintenance to keep your **Alaskan Window System** like new. *Here are some helpful tips...*

1. When cleaning, use an ammonia based glass cleaner (such as Windex or 409 Glass Formula). With a paper towel, begin cleaning from the top and work your way downward.
2. When cleaning the outside, unlock the sashes by turning the locks to the right, raise the lower sash 3"-4", slide the tilt latches in towards the center of the sash, tilt the sash into the home to rest on the window sill and proceed to clean the sash. Then slide down the top sash, slide the tilt latches in towards the center of the sash, rest the top sash on the lower sash and proceed to clean the sash. Once both sashes are cleaned, close the top sash from the current tilt position and slide the sash up back into place. Then close the lower sash from the current tilt position and slide the dash down to close. Lock the windows by turning the locks to the left.

MOISTURE BUILDUP AND THE ALASKAN WINDOW SYSTEMS®

No window is exempt from the problem of moisture buildup or "*sweating*". There are however a few easy steps you can follow to cut down on the inconvenience.

The **Alaskan Window System** will prevent air and moisture from entering or leaving your home. On extreme days, if your home has a natural moisture problem, it is possible for moisture to build up on the **Alaskan Window System**. Below are some other ways to reduce home humidity*:

1. Turn off or set back furnace humidifiers until the sweating stops. Remove pots of water on radiators or kerosene heaters.
2. Use exhaust fans or crack windows slightly in the kitchen, bathroom or laundry area when moisture is high (*i.e. cooking, taking showers or washing and drying clothes*). Clothes dryers should be vented to the outside. Avoid hanging clothes indoors to dry.
3. Keep the basement as dry as possible by waterproofing floors and walls.
4. Make sure attic vents are unobstructed.
5. Place all house plants in one sunny room where the door can be kept shut. Avoid overwatering.
6. Opening windows slightly for a brief time will allow humid air to escape and drier air to enter. The heat loss will be minimal.
7. Use a dehumidifier, properly sized, to reduce interior humidity.
8. If you have mini-blinds, turn upward to allow moisture to move freely. When closed downward, you create a natural air barrier that will trap moisture causing condensation.

*Additional information can be found at energystar.gov



Remember, windows do not cause condensation. Excess interior humidity is the source.