

Glass or Whole Window Checklist

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Check these before you decide to replace the glass

1 Look for fog or haze between the panes

Trapped moisture you cannot wipe away means a failed sealed unit, the cleanest glass-only fix.

2 Inspect the vinyl frame for warping or soft spots

A straight, solid frame supports a glass-only swap; a damaged frame points to full replacement.

3 Test the sash: does it open, close, and lock?

Working hardware and weatherstripping mean the window system is still sound.

4 Feel for drafts and check for water at the edges

Air or water leaking at the perimeter is a frame problem, not a glass problem.

5 Note the age and how many windows are failing

One young window fogging is glass-only; several old ones failing together favours full replacement.

6 Get the glass and frame assessed together

An honest inspection prevents paying for new glass in a window that needs replacing anyway.

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