

The Foggy Window Quick Guide

What a failed seal looks like and what to check first

What you're looking at

1 A sealed unit has a hidden gap between the panes

A spacer bar and sealant keep that gap dry. Haze inside the glass usually means that seal has opened somewhere.

2 Surface fog is a different problem

Moisture on the room-side glass, especially after cooking or showering, is usually about humidity levels indoors, not a broken seal.

3 Corners tend to show it first

The spacer's joints are where a sealed unit is usually working hardest, so check corners before the center of the glass.

What to check before you call

1 Note which windows are affected

List every window showing haze, not just the first one you spotted.

2 Watch whether it clears with the weather

Haze that fades and returns with humidity is different from haze that never clears.

3 Check the frame condition around the glass

Note whether the frame itself feels drafty, sticky, or hard to operate, separate from the glass issue.

Questions to ask before you decide

1 Can the glass unit be replaced on its own

Ask whether your specific frame supports a glass-only swap or whether the whole window needs replacing.

2 What does a written estimate break out

Ask for glass-only and full-window pricing listed separately so you can compare them.

3 Is this covered under any existing warranty

Ask your installer or the manufacturer directly rather than assuming coverage either way.

Check every window, note the pattern, then compare a real estimate.

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