

# Window Preparation

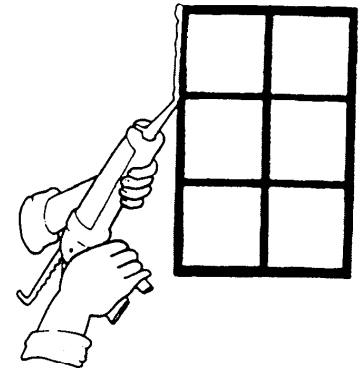
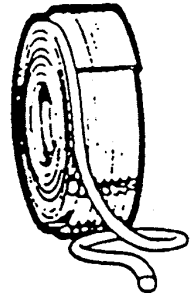
**PURPOSE:** Storm windows of any kind will not be effective if the window has air infiltration. All possible air leaks must be sealed off.

**MATERIALS:** Rope caulk, clear poly tape, silicone acrylic caulk, foam

**TOOLS NEEDED:** Cleaning solution, paper towels, lightweight scissors, caulking gun (We recommend having an adhesive remover on hand to remove the storm window self-adhesive track to correct installation errors to prevent tearing paint or finish from the wall or window frame)

## DIRECTIONS:

1. Clean and dry all surfaces, including trim boards, window frames, and glass panes.
2. Use Clear Poly Tape to cover any cracks or small holes in the glass.
3. If the glass panes are loose in the window frames, put a bead of Silicone Acrylic Caulk or Rope Caulk in the gaps where glass meets the frame.
4. Use Rope Caulk to fill cracks between the moving and non-moving parts of the window. Gently press long strands of Rope Caulk into these cracks between the window frame and the sash.  
For double hung window, place Rope Caulk around the lower sash and the upper sash (if it moves).  
For sliding or swinging windows (either metal or wood framed), place Rope Caulk around the moving sash.
5. Use two or more strands of Rope Caulk adhered together to fill large gaps (1/4" – 1/2").
6. Use foam to fill into gaps bigger than 1/2".
7. Use Silicone Acrylic Caulk to seal cracks around the window frame trim board as needed.
8. Prepare the surface where the Storm Window will be installed. Clean and dry the surface. Remove any obsolete hardware on window frame.



Review the tip sheets with detailed directions for Rope Caulk and Silicone Acrylic Caulk.