

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

The Dirt On Self-Cleaning Windows

(NAPSA)—If you find cleaning to be a chore, you may want to try getting your home to help with the housework. Today's homeowners have access to a variety of products, from vacuums that run by themselves to automatic pool cleaners, that can help people make a clean—and fast—sweep of their housekeeping.

For example, people who find window washing to be a pain—as opposed to a *pane*—can install self-cleaning windows. The windows use daylight to continuously break down, loosen and destroy dirt. When it rains, water sheets off the exterior surface, washing away any undissolved dirt and eliminating any streaks or water spots. The results are clean windows.

The windows that use Pilkington Activ™ Glass self-clean continuously after they have been activated (even at night and on cloudy days).

Try these tips for reducing cleaning time:

- **Cut The Cleaning**—Self cleaning glass can be used in windows, skylights, doors and sunrooms in homes, apartments and condominiums. It can also be used in commercial and institutional buildings. In addition to time, the glass can save people the cost of cleaning supplies and eliminate the safety risk of climbing a ladder to clean windows.

- **Cut The Clutter**—The less you have, the less you have to clean. Too many knick-knacks or



One way that self-cleaning windows, like this one looking out on a garden, work is by a hydrophilic action. The action makes water sheet off (left), while regular windows tend to streak and spot (right).

refrigerator magnets, for example, can collect dust and make an otherwise clean area look dirty. Make a list of clutter objects in your house and try to throw or give half of them away.

- **Cut The Confusion**—When you have a big room to clean, think of it as a checkerboard. Clean each section of the board, without skipping a space. This can help keep you from cleaning the same spot twice and help make your progress seem more steady.

For more information on self-cleaning glass, call 1-866-88-ACTIV (1-866-882-2848) or visit www.activglass.com.