

Double Glazing And Foggy Windows

One of the nightmare scenarios with Double Glazing is when something goes wrong. Who do you contact to get something repaired? And not only that what if it is something that some people think that you should just be able to ignore. One of these things is misting or fogging of sealed units in double glazed windows. It is a common problem and most often occurs after the guarantee on the units has passed [no surprise there then!]. Yes, this isn't the end of the world but you have paid good money to have the double glazed windows installed and you don't want to be forever peering out of your windows as if you are on a foggy Scottish hillside for the rest of your life. Windows that have mist or fog inside the sealed unit can make a room look awful but now there is no need to get overly upset because there are some simple ways to repair or replace the sealed units.

The panes of glass used in double glazed windows are called sealed units. These units are often made to fit a particular window and can therefore be expensive if you have to replace a whole one. Sealed units are made of two pieces of glass kept apart by a spacer bar which contains hundreds of tiny silica balls. You often find these silica balls in a little bag inside consumer goods that you may have bought for instance electrical goods or even in handbags or soft furnishings. They are used to counteract any moisture or dampness that may occur in the goods whilst they are in storage.

In the case of double glazing they are used to soak up any moisture which exists in the air between the two panes of glass. However like anything they have a finite lifespan and so once the silica has soaked up a lot of water it can become saturated and hence the air will begin to mist, or fog up your double glazing. Double glazing should be immune to this for at least five years from the date of installation. Most double glazing is guaranteed for ten years and as long as you keep receipts somewhere safe you should be able to get the company who installed the windows to come and fix them for you for nothing.

If however you don't have a guarantee – perhaps the former owner of a property didn't keep their receipts or the window is older than the guarantee don't despair - it is now possible to rectify a broken down double glazing sealed unit. It isn't a DIY job though and you will have to get a professional to do it for you but it involves drilling a small hole into the glass and installing a tiny vent. This job requires specialist equipment but is definitely something worth looking into should you find you have this problem with your double glazing.

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