Did you know that your cleaning regime could actually be making your glass attract more build-up? Some glass surfaces, particularly shower doors, will seem like they’re impossible to keep clean. The cause, ironically, is soap and soap-based cleaners. Combined with the minerals in hard water or water softeners, soap is prevented from cleaning and dissolving completely. Instead, the soap bonds with the minerals in the water to form a film that sticks to the glass. Over time this leads to staining when the high mineral content in the water becomes evident as deposits or scale that is often unable to be cleaned.

The most effective way to avoid permanent damage from soap and mineral build-up is to reduce contact with hard water. Many turn to water filtration systems or water conditioners believing that this will reduce the minerality in the water. However, water softeners actually add more minerals to the water by way of salt, which can lead to water spotting when allowed to dry on the surface of the glass.

**ESSENTIALS FOR CLEANING GLASS**

While cleaning isn’t fun, it is necessary. But it doesn’t have to be complicated.

So what’s the solution? It might be time to try something different. An efficient, tried and tested method that takes the pain out of cleaning glass surfaces. Here are our pro tips:

1. Protect your glass!
   Surfaces treated with a protective coating such as EnduroShield’s glass treatment will have a barrier whereby water, oil and contaminants are prevented from soaking into the surface and will bead-up on top of the protection itself. This will make the mineral deposits left behind
far easier to clean and will help prevent it from staining permanently. While cleaning is still required, cleaning time and effort will be greatly reduced, the surface won’t deteriorate like unprotected surfaces and the clarity of the surface will remain as it ages.

When applied as a protective barrier to glass surfaces, EnduroShield eliminates the need for harsh cleaning solutions and reduces water usage during cleaning. EnduroShield enables you to clean less often with less effort, and all while minimizing the use of chemicals – a game changer for your cleaning routine.

2. Create an eco-friendly glass cleaning caddy
Having a cleaning caddy on hand when it’s time to clean is a real time saver. Get yourself a bucket or caddy to use, ensuring it has a handle on it for carrying around if you want to use it in more than one area of your home.

These are our must-haves for a handy, eco-friendly kit containing all the supplies you need for effortless cleaning:

- **WHITE VINEGAR** – Use neat or diluted as needed.
- **DIY CLEANING SPRAY** – Mix a solution of white vinegar and water (1 part vinegar to 4 parts water) in a spray bottle with a drop of dish soap. Shake well before each use.
- **MICROFIBER CLEANING CLOTHS** – Invest in lint free, professional grade microfiber cloths for best results.
- **SQUEEGEE** – EnduroShield’s silicone blade squeegee has superior results to a rubber squeegee, ensuring a streak free finish that will not abrade the glass or the protective coating.
- **MAGIC ERASER** – Use in conjunction with undiluted white vinegar or a limescale remover such as CLR (per manufacturer’s instructions).

3. Utilize a simple, regular cleaning routine
Cleaning regularly with vinegar and a microfiber is one of the most effective non-toxic, natural ways to remove stains and build-up on glass. Spray the DIY cleaning solution onto the glass and firmly wipe down with a clean microfiber, rinse, and dry. It is best to rinse and dry thoroughly after cleaning to remove any residue.

A rinse and squeegee after each use to remove excess soap and water will help prevent water spots from forming. If it has been a little while since you’ve cleaned, especially in hard water areas or on salt exposed glass, use a Magic Eraser with undiluted white vinegar or CLR. The EnduroShield protection will take care of the rest!