

# Prolonging the life of your curtains

Here are some tips to help you care for your lovely new curtains and help reduce the risk of fading.

**Before ordering, you might want to consider:**

- Lining and interlining them.
- Adding a leading edge. This will catch a good deal of the sunlight and can be replaced if needs be.

**Once you have them hanging up:**

- Draw them well back from the light when they aren't in use.
- Swap the curtains over from time to time to keep the fabric exposed to sunlight at a minimum.
- Beware of using spray cleaners in rooms with our fabrics - this is due to the chemicals found in such sprays (which can include bleaching agents) settling on the folds of the fabric and causing them to fade. Blues are especially vulnerable to fading of this kind.
- Consider drawing them using a pulley system to avoid making the leading edge dirty.
- Be sure to fling open the doors on a sunny, breezy day - the very best way to keep your curtains fresh!

**Cleaning your curtains**

- Green Earth dry cleaning at Johnsons or elsewhere, where a silicone based solvent cleaning agent is used and it is our recommended option for cleaning your curtains. There is a danger that the curtains could shrink during the cleaning process. Believe it or not, dry cleaners have an acceptable level of 'shrinkage' (3-4%)
- An alternative (which is not a green option), would be to clean the curtains in situ in your home. A company like Service Master is a good starting point.



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