



Lighting Cleaning and Maintenance Essentials

You'll be happy to know that lighting maintenance doesn't take a lot of time, and every minute you spend on it will pay you back exponentially – in lights that are bright as can be and fixtures that look like new. Regular maintenance maximizes your light output and keeps your bulbs burning energy-efficiently and your fixtures looking fabulous.

BE SMART ABOUT LIGHT SAFETY

A few key points to remember when working with electricity:

Turn off the power source

You're dealing with electricity. So, before you clean any fixture, inside your home or outside, make sure the power is off. That means beyond hitting the switch off. You want to make sure you turn the power off at its source before you do any cleaning or maintenance on your light fixtures, even if you're only changing a bulb.

Access suspended lights safely

That chandelier in your foyer? Don't try reaching it from the landing on your staircase. It might not work out so well. The same goes for flush and semi-flush ceiling fixtures. If you are not 100% within comfortable reach of a lighting fixture, figure out how to get to it safely and securely. Need a step ladder? Use one. If you need a full-size ladder, enlist a friend to hold the ladder steady.

KNOW THE FIXTURE CLEANING FUNDAMENTALS

Lighting is durable, yet fragile. Its designs span so many styles, and so do its materials. From crystal to polished metal, every surface requires a special touch; that is why we don't recommend spraying fixtures with any kind of cleaner. Instead, we recommend using a dry cloth.

Polished Metal, Painted, and Wood Fixtures

- Remove all glass shades and hand wash them (keep in mind, glass is not dishwasher safe).
- Dry-polish and dust all-metal, painted, and wood parts.
- Dry fixtures and glass thoroughly with a lint-free cloth; this is particularly important on textured glass and finishes as they tend to catch lint easily. You can also allow the glass to air dry.

Things to Avoid

- Avoid abrasive cloths, cleaners, and products with ammonia or alcohol – this includes metal polish.
- Stay away from general-purpose household window or glass cleaners – these could damage the coating on the fixture.

Other Fixture Maintenance

- LED Tape Lighting Care: Use a dry cloth to clean unless covered by a lens, whereby a slightly damp cloth can be used.
- Downlights and Ceiling Fixtures Care: With an acrylic diffuser – a slightly damp cloth can be used on the diffuser, followed by a dry cloth.
- Ceiling Fans Care: Finishes and glass can be cleaned in the same manner as decorative fixtures. However, you will want to take extra precautions to ensure no moisture or cleaning products enter the vent openings of the motor housing; we suggest using a dry cloth around this area.

RECOMMENDED SUPPLY LIST

Use the list below as a baseline of times you will need to clean your light fixtures or change your bulbs. Keep in mind, everyone's home is different, so your home or lighting might need additional items to assist with accessing and cleaning your lights.

- Ladder or step ladder
- Replacement bulbs
- Lint-free cloths
- Screwdriver
- Warm water
- Mild detergent (dish soap)



BULB MAINTENANCE

Wattage

Check the fixture label for recommended wattage and be sure not to exceed the maximum wattage per bulb as indicated.

LED Bulbs

Many fixtures can accommodate an LED bulb. But did you know there are a variety of LED bulbs to fit different style fixtures. You can find ones for table lamps, enclosed fixtures, open glass fixtures, damp-rated and exterior. So, make sure to double-check that you have the right LED bulb for your fixture before installing.

TIP Look for bulbs with a similar shape and color temperature to others in your home to create a uniform lighting effect throughout.

WARRANTY AND CLAIM INFORMATION

When properly installed and operated under normal conditions of use, including but not limited to compliance with the specified wattage limitations, Kichler interior and exterior decorative products and ceiling fans are subject to a limited warranty from the date in which it is purchased.

The warranty may vary by category and is subject to change. For complete warranty information on Indoor, élan, Outdoor, LED Tape Lighting, Under Cabinet Lighting, and Ceiling Fans, among others, visit: Kichler.com/Warranty

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