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Preventative Maintenance

Tracks and sills should be cleaned, and debris vacuumed or blown away regularly. The objective when cleaning the shutters is to remove windblown dust and dirt, as well as salt and sand deposits that may cause the hardware to wear and corrode.

Built-up debris can impede the operation of the shutter. The shutter hardware is produced with corrosion resistant coatings, so it is important, when cleaning, not to remove the coating with steel wool or other abrasive pads or cleaning products.

Sand and salt will tend to build up on the shutters if they are not properly maintained. All guides should be lubricated with a silicone-based lubricant to keep your shutters motion at top performance. Storm Smart recommends L.C. Wax Alumaslick Aluminum Lubricant.

L.C. Wax Alumaslick Aluminum Lubricant spray is a unique, non-drying formulation which penetrates through rust and scale to loosen the mechanical and electrical components of motorized and manual storm protection systems. It lubricates tracking, hinges, locks and motor drive systems, reducing shutter system wear and providing free and easy movement.

All caulked areas should be examined for cracks that occur over time. This should be addressed each time the exterior of your home is painted OR every two years.

In Coastal Areas:

Cleaning should be performed at least monthly, possibly more often based on your individual situation, to remove salt and sand deposits that can quickly lead to corrosion. Hardware should be lubricated as necessary or every six (6) months. Locks should be lubricated with L.C. Wax Alumaslick Aluminum Lubricant spray after every cleaning.