



## Iron Door Care and Maintenance Tips



Once you've gone through the arduous process of choosing the perfect iron door for your home, and had them installed by true professionals, its time to ensure they stay looking as good as the day they were installed.

Your Home Center Outlet Iron Door Warranty covers the finish on your iron door for up to 1 year. While we do wish that the finish on your door would last forever, some routine maintenance is required to keep your door looking its best.

**The following tips can help you get rid of dust, dirt, and general outdoor debris away from your iron door:**

1. Choose a vegetable-based soap and mix a teaspoon of it into no less than a half-gallon of water until a small amount of suds are formed. Vegetable-based soap is gentle. Using harsh cleaning chemicals on your iron door will damage the finish and void your warranty in its entirety.
2. Dip a lint-free, soft cloth into the soap and water solution, ringing it out as much as possible. Do not use an abrasive cloth to clean your iron door. This will strip the finish from the door and scratch the iron and void your warranty in its entirety.
3. Starting at the top and working your way to the bottom, use the lightly damp lint-free cloth to gently wipe your door clean. *Note: Chemicals and hard minerals that are naturally found in tap water can stain and damage your door's finish.*
4. Rinse the door by using another clean, lint-free cloth, that has been dipped in clean water, ringing it out as much as possible.
5. Use another dry, lint-free cloth, to dry the door, moving from the top to the bottom again.

*Note: The use of chemical cleaning agents, cloth other than described above, pressure washer, will void your warranty in its entirety. Failure to keep up with routine maintenance will void your warranty in its entirety.*

The goal here is to gently remove debris while keeping the door as dry as possible. It is vital to make sure that there is no water sitting on the door when you are finished. One unfortunate drawback to iron doors is that, if left neglected for too long, or if left with water sitting on them for too long, they can begin to rust. This is not a sign of faulty craftsmanship or manufacturing. The formation of rust on metal is a natural reaction that cannot be reversed. While rust can be removed, the removal of the rust will also remove the finish from your door. Meaning that the door will need to be refinished. Home Center Outlet highly recommends having a trained professional refinish your door.

It is also normal that after 3-4 years, your door may need complete refinishing. Things like amount of exposure, location of installation, and usage will affect how frequently your door will need to be refinished.

For any further information or assistance, please contact your local Home Center Outlet location at (770) 946-0020.