

## “A complete guide to maintaining your windows”

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### Dear owners and others interested:

Another busy year has gone by and we have passed the 300 constructed houses mark recently and are happy to report that low-energy & passive houses still generate much interest.

In this newsletter we have gathered some interesting features, which we hope will get your attention and perhaps inspire you for your next house!

### Maintain your windows and repair rusty window fittings

Cleaning and maintaining windows and doors is important. If you don't do it we can replace them for you! To replace a window will cost between 700 and 1500€ including installation if you are located in and around Galway. If you are further away we can supply but you have to get a local installer. So cleaning and maintaining makes sense.



The windows used by Scandinavian Homes since 1991 have been:

1. Elitfönster
2. Lenhovdafönster
3. Tanumsfönster
4. NorDan windows

The most common opening type is the swing around, called H-beslag in Scandinavian. Very similar fittings have been used over the years. The swing-around fitting is quite corrosion proof and we have not heard of a single problem over the years.



See pictures of how to maintain this anyway! Clean with a dish brush first, then wipe over with rust protector. In particular the Tanumfönster fittings need cleaning and lubrication. Side hung windows have hinges that **must** be cleaned and lubricated regularly, otherwise they will rust and it is very difficult to get the correct size for replacement. Same goes for all external doors.

Windows that are not opened frequently can corrode and get stuck in the closed position. You may notice a stiff motion of the handle. You simply have to twist it as hard as you can. If it opens you can clean and lubricate as described below.

If it breaks you have to cut the catches with a hacksaw-blade and get a new fitting from us.

This is called ASSA Spanjolett S1754, 25mm wide. Price is 117€incl VAT. We have fittings for 1000mm wide windows in stock in Galway. Most upstairs windows are 10-13ö. If you have another size we recommend you to clean and lubricate it right now! We also have the inner handle in stock and it cost only 5€ each.



If you manage to open the window, remove the inner handle and the bottom mechanism. Clean

and oil the wood of the sash with pigmented Jupex 45 oil to saturation point. The mechanism should be steel brushed and sanded clean and sprayed with zinc-spray paint. Then lubricate it well with white spray grease.







Elit windows, used 1991-2004, left in picture, have solvent based varnish and this is very compatible with the Jupex oil. All you need to do is to apply pigmented oil.

Windows by Lenhovda and Tanum from circa 2005

onwards have water based varnishes. They are not so compatible with Jupex oil when new. It is like pouring water on a goose. After some years the water based varnishes gets brittle and “fry” in the sunlight and it must be scraped off. The NorDan windows of later years are mostly painted white and have alu-clad outside and these are more or less maintenance free. The same goes for veranda doors.

The recommended procedure: Scrape off loose varnish and sand smooth with 180 grit sandpaper. Oil with pigmented Jupex 45. Varnish with pigmented Jupex varnish.



We stock:

- Jupex 45 5lit cost 82€
- Jupex varnish 0.5lit cost 22€
- Pigment-paste brown, black 0.33lit 15€

- From June 22nd until Aug 23rd we will only be open as advertised on our web-site, so please get your oil in good time!
- We ship with courier, €15 for up to 20 liter

## New house brochure 2017/2018

We have developed a new range of plans and exterior designs based on our modular system. The sizes are the same but the features have changed and give our new designs a fresh and contemporary look. Of course we are still open to new ideas and all our models are as flexible as you have known Scandinavian Homes houses for in the past. The following are a small selection of our new brochure featuring twelve new or overhauled designs.

We have not publicly released the brochure yet as we are still updating the price lists accordingly but we are happy to give you exclusive access to our preliminary copy.

[download the full brochure here](#)





## House #301 under construction in Co. Kildare

Our latest project is currently undergoing construction in Co.Kildare. The house is a Nordica 146 with a converted attic, two storey L-extension to the south and a attached garage. The house is intended to become passive certified by the Passivhaus Institute in Germany. Below you can find pictures during construction first week in May 2017.



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## Beautiful apartments for sale in Kungälv/Sweden



House #299 and #300 have now been completed in the small town of Kungälv in Sweden and are up for sale. The grey front house and the red back house contain a total of six apartments in this historical part of Kungälv, not far from Gothenburg.





Download a multi-page leaflet with more images of apartments here: [Visit the site here](#)

## Architect Peter Lohr at June 3rd showhouse

Extra showhome viewing 3rd June - meet our architect Peter H. Lohr



This is a great opportunity to meet our passive house architect Peter H. Lohr from Munich. Bring your ideas and plans for an opportunity to discuss. Peter will also bring a whole range of fresh designs with him.

Peter H. Lohr, Architect  
Passive house designer



Saturday, 3rd June 2017 from 12.00 - 15.00

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