

# HOUSE & GARDEN

## about windows

### THE FIX

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**Q** Every time a truck drives by, the glass in our windows rattles. Is there anything we can do about the din?

**A** First, make sure the glass fits snugly in the frames. From the outside of your house, check the putty around the windowpanes. Using a putty knife, chip away any that has disintegrated and brush out the dust and paint flecks. As you remove damaged putty, you may notice glazier's points (tiny metal triangles) in wooden frames, or spring clips in metal frames. Keep these in place: they are needed to secure the glass. Coat the exposed areas with an oil-based primer and, when it is dry, fill the gaps with a latex window putty such as DAP glazing compound. Still hearing a rattle? Whether your windows are wood or metal, you can dull the din with sponge foam weather stripping. Just press the adhesive backing inside the window jams; the foam will cushion those noisy frames.

