Help! How do I stop birds from hitting our windows?

There are many options, but first let’s talk about what doesn’t work: widely spaced decals such as hawk silhouettes, birds or butterflies, or UV-reflective stickers. These have been tested and found not to be effective when installed according to the manufacturers’ instructions.

Feeders and bird baths should be positioned within two feet of a window (or, alternatively, farther than 30 feet). Putting a feeder close to the window creates a safe launch pad for when the bird leaves the feeder. Birds leaving feeders that are several feet away may fly to a reflection of foliage on the glass and be injured or killed. You can even buy feeders that affix to glass.

A Zen Curtain is an array of cords in front of a window. They sway in a breeze, which creates a visual disturbance for birds that deters them from trying to fly through. Works great!  

birdsavers.com/
stores.santarosanational.com/

Translucent CollidEscape Tape comes in strips or squares and is highly effective and affordable.

collidescape.org/tapes

Make a low-cost and natural-looking curtain with twine or monofilament fishing line. Add pine cones or twigs to enhance effectiveness.

Feather-Friendly pattern tape makes a grid of dots two inches apart. It interferes very little with viewability from the interior. Inexpensive, easy to apply, and made to withstand brutal Canadian winters!

conveniencegroup.com/featherfriendly/feather-friendly/

SOLYX Bird Safety Film is a polyester film with horizontal lines 2-inches apart. Most people find viewability to be quite acceptable. Professional installation recommended.

decorativefilm.com/specialty-bird-safety

Cost-free and low cost solutions using common materials like tempura paint and stickers can be very effective too!

These products must be ordered online. For information, including links to product websites, visit:

Birdsmartglass.org  birdsafe.ca/homes-safe-for-birds/