

TECHNICAL BULLETIN

How to Care & Clean Painted Surfaces

Under ideal conditions, it is recommended that newly painted surfaces be allowed to dry for a minimum of two weeks, prior to washing or cleaning. The dry times of paints can vary based on the following conditions: temperature, humidity, and thickness of the paint film applied. Allowing the coating to dry thoroughly provides for maximum durability and protection of the substrate.

Below are the recommended procedures when cleaning or maintaining painted interior or exterior surfaces.

Prior to using a cleaner

- Read and understand all label instructions, as some cleaners are designed for pressure washer application.
- Ensure that you are using the appropriate cleaner.
- Do not mix cleaning solutions containing bleach or ammonia together.
- Using abrasive cleaners may damage the paint film, so use them carefully (See Burnishing Technical Bulletin).
- Cleaners containing bleach or bleach type solutions may damage or discolor paint film. The use of non-bleach containing cleaner is recommended.

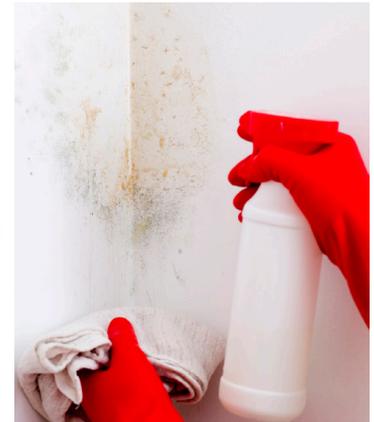
Instructions for Premixed Sprayable Cleaners

- Read all label instructions thoroughly.
- Test/spray the cleaner in a small and inconspicuous area prior to use on entire surface.
- Use a damp cloth or sponge to remove surface dirt, marks, stains, and remove any excess cleaner. Depending on what you are attempting to remove, some scrubbing may be necessary.
- Never allow the cleaner to dry on the surface.
- Rinse the surface if needed, only if stated in the instructions.

- Repeat as needed to clean surface.

Instructions for Concentrate, Liquid, or Dry Cleaners

- Read all label instructions thoroughly.
- Follow instructions for mixing or diluting cleaner. Strength of solution may be adjusted depending on type of soil.
- Test/spray the cleaner in a small and inconspicuous area prior to use on entire surface.
- Use a damp cloth or sponge, to remove surface dirt, marks, stains, and remove any excess cleaner. Depending on what you are attempting to remove, some scrubbing may be necessary.
- Never allow the cleaner to dry on the surface.
- Rinse the surface thoroughly.
- Repeat as needed to clean surface.



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CAUTION

Scraping or sanding surfaces of older buildings (especially pre- 1978) may release dust containing lead or asbestos. EXPOSURE TO LEAD OR ASBESTOS CAN BE VERY HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH. Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment during surface preparation, and finish cleanup of any residues by water-washing all surfaces. For more information, see Dunn-Edwards brochure on "Surface Preparation Safety" or call EPA's National Lead Information Hotline at 1-800-424-LEAD, or visit www.epa.gov/lead or [/asbestos](http://www.epa.gov/asbestos), or contact your state or local Health Department.

There are many different types of cleaning products available, all with different cleaning properties. Determining the correct cleaner is dependent on the type of surface soil/contaminant you are trying to remove. Please contact your local store associate or sales representative for more information.

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