

POWER WASHING TIPS

For Spring Time Cleaning

Pressure Washing Prevents Permanent Damage:
Winter grime can cause serious damage and stains to your home and exterior surfaces if not properly taken care of and removed in the spring. ... Homeowners can reduce the level of allergens in and around their home by pressure washing the exterior of their home.

**CLEAN HOME IS A HEALTHY HOME
& BRINGS THE VALUE OF YOUR HOME UP**

Kinderton Village thanks everyone for their efforts to keep our community looking beautiful. Management Company would like to remind homes with warnings about pressure washing should have their homes pressure washed before April 1st.



HOME



FENCE



PORCH

Easiest way to pressure wash is to call a professional if not available below are some tips.

POWER WASHERS CAN BE BOUGHT OR RENTED AT HARDWARE STORES.

HOW TO KNOW IF YOU NEED GAS OR ELECTRIC POWERED?

A heavy-duty gas powered pressure washer is ideal. Why? Because cleaning your house is a big job and the higher the flow rate (GPM) the quicker you can get the job done. You could use an electric machine but the job would take 2-3x longer. Here are the best 3.

WHAT PSI AND GPM?

You will want a power cleaner with at least 2.3 GPM. The PSI is irrelevant for this job because the nozzle and how far you hold the wand from the surface will determine it. All the pressure washers with 2.3 GPM have at least 2,600 PSI.

WHICH NOZZLE?

You will need to use the black soaping nozzle to apply the detergent. Then to pressure wash the house siding clean use either the 25 or 40 degree nozzle tip. To pressure clean the higher up areas you will want to use an extension wand because you want to avoid using a ladder with a pressure cleaner. Always hold the pressure wand 3 feet from the surface to start and move closer to 1-foot as you watch how much force is required to remove mildew and grime. The detergent should work its magic to make very little pressure required.

DO I NEED DETERGENT?

Absolutely. Detergent is necessary because it will make the job simple. Without it you risk damaging your house siding because more water force will be required to remove the dirt and grime. There are

specific detergent solutions formulated for cleaning your house siding—whether it be vinyl, stucco, brick or wood. Make sure you only purchase environmentally friendly solutions.

STEPS TO POWER WASHING HOME:

- Pressure wash your home exterior every 2 years at least.
- House siding made of vinyl, aluminium, steel, wood, stucco and brick can all benefit from regular washing. It will increase your home's curb appeal and increase the life.
- In addition to pressure washing for the sake of cleaning it is also the best way to prep your house for a fresh coat of paint.
- Make sure to repair damaged areas first. Don't power wash (as mentioned above) if you think your house is painted with lead paint.
- Use the correct attachments and materials for the job.
- Choose a day that is low wind and no rain to pressure clean your house siding. Try to avoid power washing the side of the house if in direct sunlight.
- Now, turn off electricity to the open outlets on the exterior of your home. Close all windows and doors. Cover light fixtures with plastic and tape to ensure they are not damaged. Trim bushes and shrubs that are touching your home to allow access for pressure cleaning.

- Next up water down all the garden areas below the side of the house to make sure they don't get effected by the cleaning solution you use.
- Use eye protection and avoid ladders.
- Get an extension or telescoping wand to reach second storey levels.
- Now you can start. Attach garden hose to pressure washer and start it up. Insert siphon tube into soap solution. Attach soaping nozzle.
- Apply detergent to house siding from bottom up to avoid dirt and soap running down your house onto dry spots.
- For time constraints apply detergent to one side of home at a time before returning to wash down to clean away all the dirt and mildew.
- Avoid direct sunlight and let the detergent sit for 5–10 minutes.
- Now change the pressure washer nozzle to the 25 or 40 degree spray tip and wash away all the detergent while keeping the wand at least 1 foot away from your house siding.
- Apply the soap from the bottom up and rinse it away from the top down.
- Avoid spraying up into the bottom of the horizontal siding. Hold the wand as straight as possible perpendicular to the siding.
- That's it. Let the house siding dry for a few hours grab a cold one and enjoy your beautiful home.