

Vinyl Siding Cleaning Guide

Vinyl siding is durable, attractive, and easy to maintain. Like any outdoor product, however, even low-maintenance vinyl siding will need attention from time to time. Don't worry! Simply follow the cleaning and maintenance tips in this brochure and your vinyl siding will always look its best.

How do I wash vinyl siding?

Wash vinyl siding with a soft cloth or ordinary long-handled, soft bristle brush. For textured surfaces, use only a soft bristle brush to avoid smearing stains into the grooves of the texture. To prevent streaking from soap and water running down the house during cleaning, start at the bottom of the house and work up. Rinse the cleaning solution with water before it dries. If your house has brick facing, cover the brick so that it is not affected by the runoff.

Can I use a power washer?

It is not recommended because water may collect behind the siding, especially when aiming up at the vinyl siding. Collected water might also cause streaks when it leaks out later or it could remain and cause decay/mold/mildew.

How do I remove mold and mildew?

Small spots of mold and mildew can be handled with cleaners such as Fantastik® or Windex®. For larger sections, a solution of vinegar (30%) and water (70%) has proven successful.

What types of cleaners should I use for other stains?

A list of commonly accepted cleaners is provided on the next page. Be sure to spot check any general or stain specific cleaner before using it on a large section of siding. After removing the stain, rinse thoroughly with water. Do not use cleaners containing organic solvents, undiluted chlorine bleach, liquid grease remover, nail polish remover, or furniture polish or cleaners. They can affect the surface of the siding.

Vinyl Siding Cleaners

General cleaners (e.g., Simple Green[®], Nice & Easy[®], Armor All[®], etc.) can be used to clean dirt, bird droppings, and spider webs. Stain-specific cleaners are listed below. Rinse all cleaners with water before they dry.

Cleaners*
Fantastik [®] , Murphy Oil Soap [®] , solution of vinegar (30%), water (70%) and Windex [®]
Lestoil [®]
Fantastik [®]
Fantastik [®] , water-based cleaners
Fantastik [®] , Lysol [®] , Murphy Oil Soap [®] , Windex [®]
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Fantastik [®] , Lysol [®] , Murphy Oil Soap [®] , Windex [®]
Brillo [®] Pad, Soft Scrub [®]
Soft Scrub [®]
Fantastik [®] , Murphy Oil Soap [®] , Windex [®]
Soft Scrub [®]
Fantastik [®] , Lestoil [®] , Murphy Oil Soap [®]
*Cleaning Materials are listed in alphabetical order.