

Pressure Washing & Spring Cleaning:

How to Avoid Damaging Your Home or Business

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When it comes to spring cleaning your home or business,

pressure washing is the easiest way to clean large areas efficiently. However, if you are inexperienced with home or commercial property cleaning, it would be best to consider using expert pressure washing services from a professional power washing company.

Pressure washing services offer many benefits, the primary one being the safety and expertise a professional company can offer. Safety in this sense means not only protecting yourself from physical harm but protecting your home or building from the accidental damage a pressure washer can cause. The following is a look at some of the ways inexperienced pressure washing can damage your property.

HOME & BUILDING EXTERIORS

Pressure washing your home or building can cause physical damage if done improperly. For instance, cleaning mold and algae off a roof can blast off shingles and diminish roof quality if the pressure washer is turned up too high. Pressure washing with too much PSI can also damage your deck or patio finish and chip paint off your home siding. To avoid damaging your home or office, consider hiring a residential or commercial property cleaning service as a viable alternative that will save you time and energy – and potentially even money, considering the hazards. Rather than risk damaging your home and devaluing your property, have a professional with years of pressure washing experience do the job for you.

YARD & OUTSIDE AREAS

For the outside of your home or office, pressure washing also needs to be practiced safely to avoid structural damage. Your driveway or parking lot should not be power washed quickly or with too much force; rather, this job requires a careful, thorough cleaning on a low-medium setting. Misuse of a pressure washer on a high setting can degrade and wear

down concrete, especially older concrete, and create flying debris and dust particles.

Likewise, if you are pressure washing your fence or deck, use low pressure and be careful not to spray carelessly; otherwise, you can damage the wood as well as nearby vegetation. Wood decks and fences can be easily scarred by careless power washing.

EQUIPMENT USE

One often overlooked area when considering whether use professional pressure washing services is the potential risks of using pressure washing equipment without proper training or experience. Depending on the type of pressure washer you are using – electric or gas powered – you run different risks. Oil fires, fluid leaks and blowing a circuit are just a few examples of possible equipment failures. And whatever you do, do not use a gas-powered pressure washer indoors, ever, as exhaust poisoning can occur. Always wear some kind of face mask, gloves and other protective gear if available. Do not aim the pressure washer at your feet or hands – on a high setting it can easily rip your skin off and cause severe bodily damage.

To avoid these safety concerns, consider using a professional power washing company instead. This is especially recommended if you need to wash your business building. A commercial property cleaning service will make sure neither your building nor your employees are hurt during the spring cleaning process.

There are many pressure washing services to choose from, but only a handful lead the pack. Do some research, and go with a professional power washing company that has high safety standards and a track record for professional expertise. For your business, make sure you go with pressure washing services that have commercial property cleaning experience. Pressure washing isn't as easy as one might think. Wielding a high-pressure water gun can be dangerous and damaging to your property and health, so make sure you know what you are doing, or call on the professionals for help.