



EXTERIOR PREPARATION PROCEDURES

Everything listed below is already included in your labor price

- Almost every exterior project is pressure washed prior to applications. Pressure washing removes all dirt, debris, insect residue, chalking, and often mold or mildew build up. It is also useful to remove old coatings or stains prior to new applications.
- Any loose or peeling paint will be removed prior to painting. We use a combination of scrapers, sandpaper, or power sanders/grinders to remove what is needed. This is always included in the labor price.
- All new wood-work or bare wood exposed after sanding will be primed with appropriate primers. Wood knots will be spot primed with stain blocker.
- All wood joints, (wood meeting wood) will be caulked where appropriate to prevent moisture penetration.
- While it is not always possible to capture every paint chip, we do our best to capture as much of the old paint chips as possible when scraping or sanding. We will even rake or vacuum away the majority of the old chips when finished.
- The job-site will be clean and orderly with tape, plastic, or other trash picked up daily, ladders stacked neatly in one location, and power cords wrapped and stored carefully.
- Any non-wanted holes in wooden surfaces such as knot holes or bee burrows will be filled with exterior spackle before being painted.
- Anytime a sprayer is being used all nearby areas are masked off tightly with tape and plastic. This might include doors, windows, nearby concrete or brick, furniture, etc. Usually the masking stays up until the job is complete.