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# HOW TO CLEAN NEWLY PAINTED WALLS



You can't stop walls from attracting dirt, but you can preserve their newly-painted beauty and extend the life of your paint with a few good cleaning habits.

## Materials Checklist

- ☐ Vacuum cleaner with dust brush attachment
- ☐ Tack cloth/Cheesecloth
- ☐ Wash bucket
- ☐ Mild household cleaner
- ☐ Grease-cutting dishwashing soap
- ☐ Baking soda
- ☐ Cloth rags
- ☐ Touch-up paint
- ☐ Plastic mixing container
- ☐ Mini paint roller and roller cover
- ☐ 2-inch or 2½-inch angled bristle brush

### Dusting

Regardless of paint type or sheen, regular dusting is in order. So before you do any washing, run the dust brush attachment of your vacuum over ceilings and walls, and wipe your walls down with a tack cloth or cheesecloth.

### General Washing

Wait at least two weeks after painting before using any water or cleaner on your walls.

Typically it's best to use a soft cloth or sponge with mild, soapy water.

Wipe by applying gentle pressure in a circular motion.

Rinse with a clean, damp cloth afterward to remove any leftover cleaner. Too much water can ruin your paint finish, so remember to thoroughly wring out your cloth.

### Spot Cleaning

For spot cleaning a scuff mark or stain, try mixing a paste of baking soda and water.

Gently rub your solution over the problem area. Then rinse with a sponge. And dry with a soft cloth.

For hard-to-remove stains like grease splatters on kitchen walls, try a grease-cutting dishwashing soap mixed in warm water.

Follow the label instructions to make sure the cleaner won't harm your paint finish.

**Quick Tip:** It's always a good idea to test your cleaning solution and technique to make sure it doesn't damage your paint finish. Pick an inconspicuous spot on your wall to perform your test. If the paint still looks bright and there are no water marks left after drying, you're good to go.

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## *Touch-ups*

Follow these guidelines for nicks or scrapes in your walls that require touch-up painting.

If possible, use paint from the original can. If you need to buy more, make sure it's the same color and the same sheen.

If you're touching up walls where the paint was originally applied with a roller, use a small trim roller. If the paint was originally brushed on, use a brush.

Apply a small amount of your touch-up paint and gently roll or feather-brush the area.

*Have more questions?* Ask the experts at your neighborhood Sherwin-Williams store and you'll come clean with all the right answers!

## **The Sherwin-Williams Company**

### **Care and Cleaning of Interior and Exterior Coatings**

To clean and maintain the interior and exterior surfaces, we recommend these procedures.

To assure maximum washability and durability, wait at least two weeks before washing the dry paint film.

Exterior coatings typically are very soft and flexible to allow for expansion and contraction of the coating during changes of temperature. ANY hard scrubbing of standard exterior coatings is likely to damage the film.

#### **Concentrated Cleaners, liquid or dry—**

- Read all the package directions before using. It is always recommended to test any cleaner on a small, inconspicuous area prior to use.
- Mix or dilute the cleaner per package instructions. Solution strength may be adjusted depending on amount and type of soil.
- Remove any heavy debris and contaminants.
- Using a sponge or cloth, wash surface dirt and marks.
- Do not allow the cleaner to dry on the surface.
- Always clean from the bottom of a wall to the top.
- Rinse the surface thoroughly.
- Repeat if necessary.

#### **Premixed spray cleaners—**

- Read all the package directions before using. It is always recommended to test any cleaner on a small, inconspicuous area prior to use.
- Turn spray nozzle to desired spray pattern. (Open with nozzle facing away from you.)
- Remove any heavy debris and contaminants.
- Apply the cleaner to the dirt and marks; apply just enough to wet the area.
- Using a damp sponge or cloth, wipe to remove the surface dirt and marks and any excess cleaner. For difficult stains, some scrubbing may be necessary.
- Do not allow the cleaner to dry on the surface.
- If recommended on the cleaner package, rinse the surface thoroughly.
- Repeat if necessary.
- Return spray nozzle to the closed position.

#### **Cautions**

- Thoroughly read and understand all the label cautions prior to using any cleaner.
- Be sure that the cleaner is appropriate for the dirt/contamination.
- Do not mix together any cleaning compounds containing bleach and ammonia.
- Abrasive cleansers may damage a paint film, use very carefully.
- For cleaning mildew on WoodScapes Semi-Transparent Stain, use a maximum of 1 pint per gallon bleach and water solution.

## **The Sherwin-Williams Company Cleaning Products**

**CSG-ProClean Professional® Prep Wash Concentrate** is an outstanding all-purpose cleaner/degreaser capable of removing soil, grime, and heavy grease deposits from a multitude of surfaces. It is a non-ionic built detergent liquid containing corrosion inhibitors, grease cutting materials, and water softening agents, for outstanding soil removal and exceptional hard water stability. The wetting and penetrating properties of this cleaner are outstanding. ProClean Professional Prep Wash Concentrate safely cleans all surfaces not harmed by water while leaving behind a clean fresh scent. It removes the toughest soils: grease, oil, wax, gum - even light carbon and many other difficult-to-remove soils. Suitable for use in federally inspected meat and poultry plants.

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**CSG-ProClean Professional® Mildew Eliminator** is a fast acting answer to most mildew problems. Mildew Eliminator quickly kills fungus and mildew. When used in conjunction with typical surface preparation practices, the surfaces are ready to paint, varnish, or stain. For use on interior painted surfaces, wood, masonry, tile and grout, vinyl shower curtains, rubber or vinyl bathmats, tub and shower stalls, sinks, and counters. For exterior use on painted surfaces, wood siding and shingles, wood decks, and masonry surfaces.

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**CSG-Clean & Etch** is a concentrated, water-reducible, phosphoric acid and detergent designed to clean and prepare concrete, masonry, steel, galvanized metal, and zinc surfaces for coating, staining, or sealing. Clean & Etch is ideal for cleaning and etching concrete floors, walls, basements, driveways, swimming pools, and containment areas. Clean & Etch will clean and provide a phosphate conversion coating for improved corrosion resistance to steel, galvanized metal, and zinc.

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**DeckScapes™ Deck Wash** is designed to bring back the fresh, natural look of your deck. Enjoy the self-working, no scrub formulation. This product is an excellent choice to restore your surface or to use as a pretreatment for staining, preserving, or sealing. Use on decks and outdoor furniture made of pressure treated wood, cedar, pine, and most other woods. This product is intended for exterior use only.

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**DeckScapes™ Stain & Sealer Remover** is specifically designed to remove most semi-transparent and weathered solid latex and oil-based stains from decks and other exterior wood. DeckScapes Stain & Sealer Remover allows you to change the color of your deck or siding by restoring the natural beauty of the wood. DeckScapes Stain & Sealer Remover can be used on all exterior wood surfaces such as decks, siding and fences and will remove the following stains and finishes:

- Polyurethane and some weathered latex paint.
- Oil-based toners, semi-transparent, and weathered solid stains.
- Water-based toners, semi-transparent, and weathered stain.
- Water-reducible toners, semi-transparent and weathered solid stains.
- Old, weathered, clear protective finishes.

**DeckScapes Stain & Sealer Remover** will restore color to severely weathered and discolored wood.

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**DeckScapes™ Revive® Deck & Siding Brightener** is a fast-acting, ready-to-use cleaner specially formulated for cedar, redwood and other highly resinous exterior woods as well as dense woods such as mahogany. Due to the chemical characteristics of these types of woods, traditional cleaners can leave the surface with an unnatural, darkened appearance. DeckScapes Revive Deck & Siding Brightener will help remove dirt and unsightly stains caused by mildew and algae, gray and weathered wood, tannin bleed and nail bleed as well as stubborn mill glaze (a surface barrier to wood coatings found on most newly installed cedar and redwood) and restore the surface to its bright, clean natural look. DeckScapes Revive Deck & Siding Brightener can be used on any new or existing exterior structure including wood decks, fences, siding, shakes, shingles, boat docks, boardwalks, outdoor furniture, picnic tables, hot tubs, planters, benches, trellises and gazebos.

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**H&C Concrete Etching Solution** is a phosphoric acid-based etcher that has been developed to acid etch concrete surfaces before applying H&C Silicone Acrylic Concrete Sealer, H&C Shield Plus Concrete Stain, and other coatings

Uses:

- Basement floors and walls
  - Garage floors, carports and driveways
  - Porches, patios, walkways, steps
  - Swimming pool aprons
  - Recreation areas
  - Parking structures and parking lots
  - Retaining walls
  - Containment areas
  - Tilt-up construction
  - Removes efflorescence (alkali salts)
  - Reduces the pH of new concrete and new mortar joints.
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**H&C Degreaser** is a concentrated heavy-duty cleaner that will remove most automotive fluids (oil, grease, brake fluid, transmission fluid, gear fluid and antifreeze) from concrete and masonry surfaces. Its primary use is to degrease and prepare concrete, block, brick, and masonry.

Features:

- Removes grease and oil stains
- Prepares surfaces for paints, stains, and sealers
- Increases any coating's ability to bond with the surface by providing a clean substrate

Recommended Uses:

- Stadium Supports
  - Bridges and Bridge Structures
  - Parking Garages
  - Patios and Walkways
  - Pool Decks
  - Concrete Driveways
  - Garage Floors
  - Block & Stucco Walls
  - Athletic/Tennis/Shuffleboard Courts
  - Other Concrete Surfaces
  - Use prior to etching
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