

## Exterior Work: What you should expect

Investing in a quality paint job can mean the difference between painting every few years or a paint job that will far out last an inferior one.

1. All areas around your business or home, including your shrubs, landscaping, roof, etc. should be protected from start to finish by drop cloths or poly plastic.
2. All surfaces to be painted should be thoroughly pressure washed and cleaned. This step helps new paint adhere to the existing surface, and removes harmful occidents, pollutants, and dirt.
3. Mildew (which can attack and degrade the paint coating from the outside or inside) should be treated and killed.
4. All areas of loose paint should be scraped. Further sanding and smoothing may be necessary for maintenance or cosmetic consideration. The proper primer should be applied to all bare wood and metal to assure proper adhesion of the new paint. This step also helps prevent future peeling in these areas.
5. Any loose caulking should be removed and replaced. Any open gaps should be filled with new caulking to prevent rainwater from penetrating below the surface.
6. All loose nails should be re-set and re-puttied as necessary.
7. Loose and/or missing window glaze should be replaced (after the wood sash has been primed to ensure long life of the new glazing compound.)
8. Only quality materials should be used. Quality materials give the best results and last longer.
9. The work should be done in a neat and professional manner by skilled crafts people who are polite, friendly, and work efficiently.
10. All excess paint should be removed from windows and the entire area should be cleaned and tidy.
11. Waste materials, by-products and used solvents should be disposed of safely, properly and in a environmentally responsible manner.
12. Touch-up paint should be labeled and left for future convenience.



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