



NHV PAINTERS

**EXTERIOR GETTING
READY GUIDE**

EXTERIOR PAINTING PREPERATION GUIDE

LANDSCAPING

It is important that outside plants, including hedges and bushes be trimmed at least 8 to 10 inches from the outside walls of your home providing access for our crews to work around.

CLEAR WORK AREAS

Please clear away the following items from the work areas:

- Plants
- Decorative Objects
- Lawn Equipment & Garden Tools
- Sporting Equipment
- Bikes & Toys
- Balcony Furniture

Note: Patio and deck furniture will be moved by NHV. Grills may or may not be moved depending on individual units.

PAINTING DOORS & WINDOWS

Your Project Manager will coordinate the best schedule on the days we plan to paint your doors and windows. It is important on those days, that they are left unlocked so we can leave them open to make certain they dry and cure properly. Someone will need to be at home before our crew leaves to be sure your home is not left unattended. You will be able to close and lock all your doors and windows before you go to bed.

PRESSURE WASHING

To properly clean and prepare your exterior for paint, we pressure wash all exterior surfaces. We recommend someone be at home during this step to make certain that all doors and windows are securely fastened. Depending on the age and condition of your home, someone will need to inspect for any water that may leak through.

DISABLE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

Once we have completed pressure washing, it is important to turn off any automatic sprinklers or irrigation systems to prevent painted surfaces from getting wet during your project. It is advisable to thoroughly water your lawn and garden areas on or before the day we pressure wash. Your Project Manager will notify you when you can turn them back home.

ALARM SYSTEMS

Make sure that your home security system is bypassed on the day(s) that we are to be painting. We will be opening windows and doors if they are to be painted.

PET SAFETY

For the protection and peace of mind for your pets, they must be restricted from all work areas. Your Project Manager will work with you to ensure their safety and security.

DRYING GUIDELINES

Even though the paint may be dry enough to touch, depending on the type of paint used for your home and the area of the country you live in, it generally takes up to seven days for newly painted surfaces to thoroughly cure.

EXTERIOR SURFACES

You can safely return most items but we recommend that you keep anything from touching or leaning against freshly painted surfaces. If you must place an item next to a painted area, it is recommended to wait as long as possible to ensure the paint cures properly.

WINDOWS & DOORS

During this time, it is recommended that all painted exterior windows and doors should be left open, as much as possible, to prevent sticking to the weatherstripping and/or painted surfaces.

WINDOWS

For freshly painted windows in is equally important to “open and close” them throughout the day for the first seven days.

EXTERIOR FLOORS

We recommend that you allow exterior floors to dry thoroughly overnight. It is recommended that you wait a minimum of 48 hours prior to placing items on freshly painted floors.

ONGOING MAINTENANCE

To maintain your new exterior paint, it is recommended to maintain airflow around all painted surfaces. Plants, hedges, bushes, and limbs should be trimmed away from freshly painted surfaces.

We recommend that you periodically rinse off all surfaces to prevent dirt and mildew build-up. If necessary, a mild solution of bleach and water will clean most painted surfaces.

Always be careful to thoroughly rinse areas with clean water after applying a cleaning solution.

Please ensure all items (furniture, blinds, wall-mounted devices, appliances, etc.) are moved or removed before work begins.

If not, we reserve the right to issue a change order to perform this work, or we will paint around the obstructed areas (e.g., blind brackets, modems, stoves).

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