

Whatcom Pressure Washers FAQs

Roof Cleaning

Q: What will it cost me to get my roof cleaned in Whatcom County?

A: It depends on surface area other factors, but a roof cleaning normally starts at around \$400.

Q: You advertise “soft” roof washing. What is that?

A: High-pressure power washing can damage the shingles and also lead to water damage. Our soft washing uses low pressure and an eco-friendly formula to clean your roof while protecting it at the same time.

Q: There’s moss on my roof. Is that okay or should I have it cleaned?

A: Moss grows in spots where there is water retention, and this can lead to serious and expensive damage. It’s also slick and poses a safety hazard if you have to go up on your roof. Professional removal that doesn’t harm your shingles is important, and dealing with moss early is best.

Q: I’ve heard chlorine is good for cleaning roofs, but can it damage the shingles?

A: The Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association recommends chlorine for cleaning asphalt shingles because it’s effective and does not cause harm to them. However, that’s not the case for roofs with slate or painted metal. WPW always makes sure to take the material into account so that we clean the roof properly without causing any damage or invalidating your warranty.

Q: When should I get a professional cleaning for my roof?

A: It can vary according to how much sun and shade a roof gets, but we recommend a professional cleaning every 1-3 years. Of course, if you’re noticing a buildup of moss or debris, don’t wait; call us right away!

Gutter Cleaning

Q: In Whatcom County, what does a professional gutter cleaning cost?

A: You can expect a thorough service like ours to start at \$175.

Q: How regularly should I clean my gutters?

A: Your gutters need a cleaning once or twice a year at least. The amount of trees and debris around can influence this. Anytime there are signs of clogged gutters, you need a cleaning right away so you're not risking water damage to your home or your garden.

Q: Is there a best time of year to clean my gutters?

A: Gutters can collect debris and get clogged in any season of the year, so you can clean them in any season. Late spring and late winter tend to be times of greatest debris accumulation around here, though.

Q: Is it okay to use a pressure washer to clean my gutters?

A: Spraying the outsides under low pressure is okay, but using a pressure washer to clean the insides is not advised. This can damage gutters or alter their alignment so that they don't drain properly.

Q: Gutter guards seem really convenient. Are they a good idea to get?

A: Gutter guards may seem to be an easy, worry-free solution, but we've learned that the reality is different. First of all, when we clean gutters that have guards on them, we still find pine needles, roof granules, and other debris inside them. We've also found that moss grows inside them because of the dark, damp conditions. Debris can also gather atop the guards and keep water from getting into them. When that happens, water spills directly over those spots, defeating the purpose of gutters and potentially causing structural damage.

House Washing

Q: What can I expect to pay for a professional house washing in Whatcom County?

A: A good house washing typically starts at \$500.

Q: I've heard pressure washing a house can damage it. Is that true?

A: Pressure washing done properly is not harmful to a house. It removes grime, bird droppings, mold, and mildew. Pressure washing is one of the best ways to add instant curb appeal to a home. The proper way to wash siding is to use no more than 2000 psi of water pressure. More than that can cause damage that reduces a home's attractiveness and hits you hard in the wallet.

Q: How often should I have it done?

A: Getting a house washing performed every 1-2 years is what we recommend. This helps preserve your paint and maintains the home's curb appeal. Of course, get a professional washing sooner if conditions obviously warrant it.

Q: Your website says you use soft washing. What does that mean?

A: By soft washing, we use eco-friendly cleaning agents and low pressure to provide your home a safe, effective cleaning that leaves it looking great.

Window Washing

Q: What does it run me to have the windows of my Whatcom County home professionally washed?

A: This service usually starts at \$3 per pane. The rate might be higher for exceptionally large windows or for conditions that make washing more difficult than usual.

Q: If I've got a pressure washer or rent one, can I use it on my windows?

A: High pressure can damage your windows. The maximum pressure we recommend is that from a garden hose.

Q: So then how can I wash my windows?

A: To clean your home's windows, it's best to use a window cleaning brush along with a rubber squeegee or a water-fed pole. This gets most jobs done and is also gentle enough not to cause harm.

Q: How regularly should I be cleaning my windows?

A: To keep the views in and out of your windows clear and to help maximize your home's curb appeal, you should clean them once or twice a year. If conditions call for a cleaning sooner than that, don't delay; dirty windows can actually become damaged, leading to other problems inside and outside the home.

Q: What do I get from a window cleaning service?

A: Our customers can choose from 3 different washing packages. All of them include washing the panes and cleaning screens and tracks. Contact us to learn which package is best for your budget and your needs!

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