

Prepare Exterior Surfaces

Checklist

- Primer
- Goggles
- Gloves
- Wash brush
- Siding wash
- Drop cloths
- Ladder
- Garden hose or pressure washer
- Exterior wood filler

One: Wash the surface.

- All exterior surfaces need to be washed with a brush with a mixture of trisodium phosphate and bleach.
 - This will remove dirt and kill mildew.
- Wash from the bottom to the top to avoid staining.

Two: Protect landscaping.

- Drape drop cloths over shrubs and plants.
- Remove the cloths immediately upon finishing to avoid suffocating the plants.
- Cover patios, decks, railings and light fixtures as well.
- Cover door handles; do not remove them.

Three: Be safe.

- Always wear goggles and gloves.
- Rinse your arms and legs often in order to avoid bleach burn.
- Hose down or pressure-wash the house upon completion.
- Let the house dry thoroughly before going on to Step 4.

Four: Sand and Prime.

- If anything gets sanded down to bare wood, apply True Value WeatherAll primer before you paint.
 - Primer gives the paint something to adhere to. Don't use primer for a finishing coat.

Five: Fill holes.

- Countersink nails.
- Fill up the holes with exterior wood filler.