

**AVENBURY LAKES
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE
SAVINGS & SAFETY TIPS
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POWER WASHING SIDING**

There have been several questions about power washing lately and we want address your concerns. For instance:

Will power washing damage my homes siding, windows or gutters? The answer is no. A professional power washing company knows exactly how to utilize the power washing equipment and do a first class job. Gutters are usually scrubbed separately and power rinsed.

Will my siding fade do to power washing? Yes, ever so slightly. However, it will not be noticeable even after many power washes. What happens is that the coloring or pigment on the siding surface oxidizes slightly over time due to weather conditions and that oxidation comes off during the power washing process.

How often should I have my home power washed? There is no right or wrong answer to this question. It's a matter of your personal opinion and preference. Some residents prefer to have it done annually while others may want it done less frequently. A lot depends on the location of your home and how it is affected by the weather.

What about bees, wasps and hornets nests? Generally these should be treated by an exterminator first if they are large. Small nests can usually be power washed off the siding, trim or soffit areas.

Please keep in mind, that although power washing does a pretty good job of getting surface dust and spider webs off siding and windows, spots on the windows left by various insects will still need to be addressed after the power washing is completed.

The Business Office has a list of contractors and volunteers that can address any of the above concerns if needed.