



General Surface Preparation: Exterior Painting

- **Wash** all exterior surfaces with a cold-water wash. Surfaces must be clean, dull, and dry; free of cobwebs, insect and bird nests, mildew, chalk, dust, rust, dirt, loose, oxidized or peeling paint, grease, wax, efflorescence (salt build-up) and other surface contamination.
- **Scrape** all loose and peeling paint. Scrapings are cleaned-up.
- **Primer** is applied to prevent rerusting, sealing and/of further surface deterioration. All bare wood primed using an oil-base primer.
- **Sand** with 80 grit paper to feathered edges and remove glossy surfaces. Galvanized metal is wiped clean with thinner or acid etched. Rust is removed by sanding, wire-brushing or by mechanical means.
- **Caulk** all joints along brick, soffit and siding meet, all trim to body areas, 1/8" to 1/4" cracks in wood. Any cracks larger warrant a backer rod prior to caulk. Spackle, putty or caulking is applied after the primer.
- **Mask** non-painted surfaces: brick, concrete, windows, doors, & hardware.
- **Drop clothes** will be placed on all landscaping and flat concrete during spraying, brushing, and/or rolling. If drips or overspray occur, they are cleaned immediately or prior to a final inspection.
- **Nails** are set back into substrate. If nails are loose, they are pulled and replaced with the next size larger or a screw used in its' place.
- **Shrubs**, trees and other vegetation is either pulled back or clipped (for an additional charge) to two feet back from the structure.
- **Gilmore Painting** cannot be held liable for roof damage if the roof is the means of accessing the work. We take all necessary steps to minimize the impact. If the shingles are loosened or broken we will re-nail the shingles in the original positions wherever possible. Any damage will be brought to the attention of the client immediately.

Cleanliness: Though every precaution is taken to avoid spills, it is our rule to leave things in better shape than what we found them. All cans, rags, etc. are disposed of in a manner consistent with local environmental requirements.

Work environment: It is our policy to respect your property and belongings and maintain a clean, orderly and safe work environment.

Further preparation: Removable items not to be painted (furniture, wall hangings, window coverings, cover plates) will be taken down and replaced after paint is dry.