



## How can I remove mildew from the exterior siding of my home?



### Helpful Tips:



1. For periodic cleaning to prevent mildew and algae buildup, just wash your home each year with a solution of liquid dish soap and water. Remove the sugars from the siding before the mildew and algae sit down at the table to feast!



2. The process can be effectively accomplished using a household garden sprayer and a brush on a pole.



3. Use safety goggles and gloves.



4. To protect any plants and shrubs around the house, it's a good idea to hose them all down first. That way, if you spill whatever solution you're using on the plants it will be easier to hose it off. If the plants are already wet, the solution won't stick to them as readily.



### Below are some solutions you may find helpful:



- Try mixing one quart of household bleach to three quarts of warm water. If you are experiencing severe mildew, then add 2/3 cup of trisodium phosphate and 1/3 cup powdered laundry detergent to this mixture. Spray or scrub the solution on the mildewed area. Rinse the siding thoroughly with clear water and allow drying before applying paint.



- To clean your wood and vinyl siding, you just mix the powdered **OXYGEN BLEACH** with warm water, stir till dissolved and then apply it generously to the siding. It's best to work when the siding is dry and in the shade. Allow the solution to fizz and bubble on the siding for about ten minutes. Scrub with the brush and rinse with clear water from a garden hose. The siding should look brand new once dry. Don't confuse oxygen bleach with chlorine bleach. Oxygen bleach will not remove color from wood, and it's safe to use around plants and animals. Chlorine bleach can remove the color from wood siding, and it can kill expensive landscaping around your home



- Mix a solution that consists of 1 gallon of warm water, 1 cup of bleach and 1/4-cup of trisodium phosphate (TSP). Pour the cleaning solution into a spray bottle. Use a new bottle, or one that has been filled with only plain water, to prevent the TSP and bleach from interacting with residue from any leftover chemicals. Spray the cleaning solution onto the mold and scrub the area with a stiff bristle brush. Allow the solution to sit for a few minutes. Rinse the cleaning solution off the wood with warm water. Repeat if necessary.

