

A nighttime photograph of a city skyline reflected in water. The buildings are illuminated with warm yellow and white lights. In the foreground, there's a waterfront area with a dock and some smaller buildings. The sky is a deep blue. Large, stylized blue wave-like shapes are overlaid on the right side of the image.

The **Risks** of Pressure Washing Commercial Buildings



EXTCOSM

Clean Commercial Exteriors

As a facilities manager or property manager, your job is a tough one. Not only do you need to keep all systems inside running smoothly, but you need to make sure the exterior of your building looks good. Because let's face it - potential customers and tenants who see an ugly, stained building get the wrong first impression.

Employees may not take pride in working in a building that looks run-down, dirty, and stained. Before you start calling commercial power washing companies, you need to know the risks of pressure washing commercial buildings.

Keep reading to learn more.



How Pressure Washing (aka Power Washing) Can Damage Your Building

Pressure washing, also known as power washing, utilizes high-pressure water to blast dirt and grime off of surfaces. But using this method to clean your buildings can actually do more harm than good. That's because the high water pressure can damage multiple surfaces, including:

CONCRETE

You might think concrete is immune to damage from pressure washing. Think again. Power washing concrete, especially older concrete, can cause pitting and cracking.

STUCCO/EIFS/DRYVIT®/STO®

Pressure washing can damage the texture of stucco/Dryvit walls as well as create cracks or enlarge existing ones. Cleaning stucco/Dryvit requires a lighter touch. Soft washing provides that lighter touch.

SIDING

The high water pressure from pressure washing can loosen siding panels, and water can get up underneath the siding where it can rot the wood underneath.

BRICK

Power washing a brick building involves serious risk. Bricks with a stylish veneer are especially a risk from high pressure. The high-pressure water can easily damage the mortar that holds everything together.

WOOD

High-pressure water can easily damage wood, causing splintering. Untreated wood may also absorb the water, increasing the risk of wood rot.

PAINTED SURFACES

Pressure washing and painted surfaces are a bad combination. The high pressure can easily chip paint, leaving you frustrated that now you have to call in a painting company.





Soft Washing Is a Better Alternative

So what is a facilities manager to do with a building exterior that's dirty, grimy, and potentially starting to deteriorate because of moss and lichen? Choose to clean it with commercial soft washing. It's a safe, proven technique to revitalize your building.

What Is Soft Washing?

Soft washing is a cleaning method that utilizes gentle surfactants with biocide to remove biologic growth and stronger solutions for non-biologic stains (rust for example). The solution does the work rather than high-pressure water.

Once the solution does the work, soft washing utilizes low-pressure water to rinse the stains away, renewing the look of your building's exterior.

Soft Washing Is Safe for All Surfaces

And because it is a gentle process, soft washing is safe for all exterior surfaces of your buildings and property. This includes:

- Brick/Limestone/Natural Stone
- Architectural Concrete
- Stucco/EIFS/Dryvit®/Sto®
- Roof Shingles all types
- Flat Rubber Roofs/EPDM, TPO, PVC
- ACM Panels/Alucobond®
- Awnings, all types
- Siding, all types
- Asphalt
- Wood

How Does EXTCO Clean My Building?

EXTCO gives facilities managers and property managers visible results with a safe soft-washing procedure that will not harm the surface of your building or the environment. We utilize a customized system to control the pressure, temperature and reach of the water. We gently apply cleaning solutions which loosen biological growth and remove staining.

We follow with a low-pressure rinse to deliver a superior clean at affordable pricing. We achieve remarkable results without risk of damage to your building or environment



Revive, Restore, and Renew Your Building the Safe Way

Traditional power washing methods aren't safe for all surfaces and often cause more harm than good. Unlike most commercial cleaning companies, EXTCO uses a technology-powered, soft-wash exterior cleaning method that is safe, effective, and affordable with long-lasting results.

Protect your building's exterior and your reputation.

Contact us today for a consultation.



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