

Cleaning Stucco:

Cleaning the newly painted surface at your residence should be performed **without bleach**. Bleach is a harsh chemical that can damage plants, foliage and weakens the paint film which is fine if you are going to re-paint but harmful for general maintenance. Bleach is also an organic compound which means it is food for mildew spores which turns to mold if not removed. Most information we find tells us to clean using bleach but the majority of the time it is in preparation for painting, not for general maintenance cleaning.

Websites can be accessed to learn how to maintain and keep your stucco clean.

If you want to do-it-yourself then wash all areas with a garden hose using a spray nozzle. This will clean without causing damage to the paint film. For stubborn stains use Dawn soap and a stiff bristle brush. The Dawn soap will remove staining without harming the paint film, plants or foliage.

Many of us experienced stains on exterior walls and after visits from Porter Paint and Native green we have determined the origin is tannic

acid from the trees. Lightly brushing Simple Green on the area and rinsing will remove it.