



Keep Your Concrete Looking Clean

Whether we just cleaned it or it's been a while, a little regular care keeps your concrete looking fresh and slows the return of dirt, algae and stains.

Just had it cleaned?

- Your concrete may look lighter in some spots while it dries. It evens out in a day or two.
- If we applied a sealer, keep foot traffic off for 24 hours and vehicles off for 48 to 72 hours, or follow the time we gave you.
- Point sprinklers away from the concrete. Well water can leave orange stains.

**BEFORE****AFTER**

Your Simple Maintenance Schedule

HOW OFTEN	WHAT TO DO
Weekly	Sweep or blow off leaves, dirt and debris. Debris feeds algae and stains.
As it happens	Soak up oil, gas and paint spills right away with kitty litter, then wash with dish soap.
Monthly	Rinse with a hose, especially shaded, damp areas where algae starts.
Every season	Check for cracks. Keep gutters clear so water drains away from the concrete.
Every 12 to 24 months	Professional pressure washing. Shady or tree-covered areas may need it more often.
Every 2 to 3 years	If sealed, plan to re-seal. Sealing makes stains easier to clean and resists moisture.

Quick Do's and Don'ts

DO

- ✓ Use a nylon broom or brush
- ✓ Rinse spills and stains quickly
- ✓ Test cleaners on a hidden spot first
- ✓ Follow every product label

DON'T

- ✗ Don't use rock salt or ice melt
- ✗ Don't scrub with wire brushes
- ✗ Don't leave rusty items on it
- ✗ Don't use muriatic acid on your own
- ✗ Don't pressure wash without training

Questions? We're happy to help.

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Oak Tree Tannin Stains

Spot-treatment guide for your concrete

What Are Tannin Stains?

Oak leaves, acorns and catkins (the stringy spring blooms) release tannins, a natural brown dye. When they sit on damp concrete, especially after rain, the tannins soak in and leave brown, tan or rust-colored blotches. They are harmless to the concrete but can make it look dirty. The good news: fresh stains are much easier to remove than old ones.

Prevent Them

- Sweep or blow off leaves, acorns and catkins at least weekly during fall and spring.
- Rinse the area with a hose after heavy leaf drop or rain so tannins don't have time to soak in.
- Trim low branches where practical, and avoid leaving wet debris piles on the concrete.
- Ask us about a concrete sealer. A sealed surface soaks up far less tannin and is easier to clean.
- Treat spots as soon as you see them. Don't wait for the next season.

Spot Treatment: Start Gentle, Step Up Only If Needed

1

Soap and scrub Fresh or light stains

- Sweep away debris and wet the stained area with a hose.
- Scrub with a stiff nylon brush using warm water and a squirt of dish soap or concrete cleaner.
- Rinse well. Repeat once if the stain is still visible.

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Bleach solution Stains that remain

- Mix 1 part household bleach with 3 parts water in a bucket or pump sprayer. Mix it fresh and use it outdoors.
- Wet the concrete and nearby plants and grass with plain water first. Pour or spray the solution on the stain, let it sit 10 to 15 minutes and keep it damp. Don't let it dry.
- Scrub with a nylon brush and rinse thoroughly with lots of water. Repeat once if needed.
- Wear rubber gloves and eye protection. Keep kids and pets away until the area is rinsed and dry.

Safety and care

- Always test in a small, hidden spot first, especially on colored, stamped or sealed concrete. Strong cleaners can dull or strip sealer.
- Never mix bleach with ammonia, vinegar, acids or other cleaners. It creates toxic fumes.
- Bleach can kill grass and plants and can stain or corrode metal, so rinse nearby areas well.
- Don't use a pressure washer yourself unless you are trained. Too much pressure leaves marks.

Stain still there?

Some tannin stains soak deep into the concrete and will need professional treatment again. If stains keep coming back, sealing your driveway is a great option. A sealer helps keep tannins from soaking in and makes future cleanups much easier.

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Always follow the manufacturer's label for any product you use. Results vary with the age of the stain and the type of concrete.