

## **How To Avoid The Most Common Exterior Painting Mistakes.**

One of the most frustrating aspects of exterior painting is the fact that problems will develop over time. The wind, rain and temperature changes will eventually compromise the paint job and the look of your home or building. Unfortunately, the problems only develop faster if the work is not done right.

Whether you hire a professional or do the work yourself, you'll want to know how to avoid the following problems.

### **Paint Peeling & How To Avoid It**

This means that the paint did not adhere properly when the exterior surface was painted. This is a major issue that occurs when inexperienced painters do the work, meaning you will have to scrape off the peeling paint and do the work all over again.

To avoid paint peeling, it is vital to prepare the surfaces properly before painting by:

- Clean the exterior thoroughly
- Use primer that compatible with the surface
- Use paint that is compatible with the primer
- Do not paint on a wet surface

### **Paint Blisters & how to Avoid Them**

This happens when the outdoor temperature makes the surface too hot. Blisters will form due to the moisture evaporating below the top coat.

This problem can be so extensive that you will have to remove the blisters and repaint the entire surface again.

Again, make sure that both the interior and exterior walls are thoroughly dry because moisture which migrates from an interior wall can cause blistering.

### **Preparing Exposed Wood Properly**

Exterior wood that has been exposed to the weather for just a few weeks can cause the new paint to crack and peel within a year or two. If you have exposed wooden areas on the exterior of your house or building, be sure to thoroughly sand the weathered wood and then prime it. Once it is sealed and smooth, it can safely be painted.

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