

## [Coral Springs Asphalt Shingle Roof Cleaning](#)



*Asphalt shingle roof, before (bottom left), after (upper right)*

If you read this, chances are you are searching for roof washing suggestions because your roof shingles are no longer looking brand new and attractive. If your roof looks dark and discolored in some spots, you might believe that mold and/or mildew has actually established itself on top of the shingles. However, the black stripings you're seeing are really growths of green algae. If you're observing thick, grass-green growths on your roof instead, then you've definitely got a moss issue. The north, west, and shaded areas of your roof are most susceptible to these moisture-loving invaders.

### **Black Striping on Roof**

Algae and moss spores are brought by the wind or animals from rooftop to neighboring roof, which is why entire areas are typically affected. Moss can seriously affect asphalt shingle efficiency by causing them to bend up and blow off, ultimately leading to roof leaks. Algae is also known to eat away at asphalt shingle components, particularly the limestone, developing into certain roof failure.

Further, getting on your roof often to clean off growth CAN damage your roof and reduce its life-span by loosening up the surface granules on your shingles. So, it's best to know exactly how to clean your roof effectively so that you ensure you do not need to do it too often.

Recognizing this, what are the very best means to clean a roof of algae and moss infestation? Read on for our best roof-cleaning suggestions! Don't forget safety first. Roof cleaning can be slippery and falls can, and do, happen.

① Do not utilize a pressure washing machine, which can loosen shingles and seriously harm your roof. Do use a sprayer connected to a garden hose that's filled with equal parts chlorine bleach and water or household fluid chlorine bleach and water. This is the most effective means to clean a roof if you have asphalt shingles. After spraying the roof with the mixture, permit it to sit on the surface area for 15 to 20 minutes before rinsing completely with clean water.

② Do not overlook your landscape and surrounding locations, which can be damaged by the bleach mixture.

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Do thoroughly wet down plants and bushes with clean water prior to covering them with plastic, after that rinse them once again after using the bleach solution on your roof.

Don't think the cleaning mixture will instantly eliminate the growth from your roof and use the solution a second time.

Have patience. The algae will eventually stream away during succeeding rainstorms, and moss will ultimately loosen up to the point where it can be removed with a leaf blower.

③ Do not clean your roof on a warm day, which will cause the bleach solution to evaporate too quickly, limiting its cleansing effects.

Do clean your roof on a cloudy, wind-less day when the wind isn't blowing and there's no danger of rainfall.

④ Don't clean your roof without taking appropriate security preventative measures.

Do clean your roof just after figuring out that you can securely walk its surface. If the slope is too high to easily traverse or if your house is more than one storey, you need to hire a professional roof cleaning company. If you do get up on your roof, wear shoes with slip-resistant rubber soles and be sure to put on eye and skin protection.

⑤ Do not procrastinate until your roof is covered in algae or moss to act.

Do trim intruding branches to open up the roof to sunlight, and clear particles such as sticks and leaves from its roof surface with a leaf blower if required. You should keep gutters clean to make certain roofs continue to be as completely dry as possible.

Now that you understand the most effective ways to clean a roof, make sure to follow these guidelines carefully. Note that our roof-cleaning tips just apply to asphalt shingles. If you have a different type of roof, it is very important to get in touch with your roof manufacturer to learn how to wash your roof. Actually, it's important to consult your shingle maker for roof cleaning ideas despite what sort of shingles you have in order to prevent unintended damages.

Often roofs are past cleaning or the cleaning reveals other, more significant, issues. In those cases, it is always best to contact a roofing professional for your options.