



Pressure Washing vs. Soft Washing: What You Need to Know

Keeping your home or business exterior clean isn't just about curb appeal—it's about protecting your investment. Two popular cleaning methods are **Pressure Washing** and **Soft Washing**, and while they sound similar, they're very different in technique, purpose, and results.

Pressure Washing

- **How It Works:** Pressure washing uses a high-powered stream of water (typically 1,500–4,000 PSI) to blast away dirt, grime, mold, and stains.
- **Best For:** Hard, durable surfaces like:
 - Concrete driveways and sidewalks
 - Brick patios
 - Garage floors
- **Benefits:**
 - Removes tough stains and built-up dirt quickly
 - Great for prepping surfaces before painting or sealing
- **Considerations:** High pressure can damage softer materials like siding, roofing, or wood decks. It's best reserved for surfaces that can handle the force.

Soft Washing

- **How It Works:** Soft washing uses low-pressure water combined with eco-friendly cleaning solutions to gently clean surfaces and kill organic growth like algae, mold, and mildew.
- **Best For:** More delicate surfaces such as:
 - Roof shingles
 - Vinyl or wood siding
 - Fences and decks
- **Benefits:**
 - Safe for fragile surfaces
 - Cleans and sanitizes by killing growth at its root
 - Longer-lasting results compared to pressure washing alone
- **Considerations:** Soft washing is not for removing heavy dirt or oil stains on concrete—it's designed for organic buildup and surface protection.

Feature	Pressure Washing	Soft Washing
Water Pressure	High (1,500-4,000 PSI)	Low (under 500 PSI)
Cleaning Method	Forced Based	Cleaning Solution Based
Ideal Surfaces	Concrete, Brick	Roofs, Siding, Wood
Risk Of Damage	Higher on Delicate Areas	Minimal

Why Does It Matter?

Using the wrong method can lead to costly damage. For example:

- High pressure on a roof can strip shingles and void warranties.
- Soft washing on concrete won't remove oil stains effectively.

Atomic Pressure Washing takes the guesswork out by choosing the right method for each surface, ensuring your property looks great and stays protected.

Which One Do You Need?

- **Driveway or sidewalk looking grimy?** Pressure washing is your best bet.
- **Roof streaks or siding covered in algae?** Soft washing is the safe, effective solution.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

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