



This technical bulletin is intended to be read in conjunction with the Allura Installation Manual dated October 2025. If a more current version of the Installation Manual or this technical bulletin is available, this version is no longer applicable.

SCOPE

The nature, scope, and extent of the cleaning and maintenance required will depend on the geographic location, exposures, and finish of your Allura fiber-cement siding. Periodic cleaning is recommended to remove contamination that may accumulate on the siding over time. Contamination may include, dirt, dust, oil, grease, chalking, and/or mold and mildew.

Cut dust and construction debris should be removed IMMEDIATELY upon installation.

Allura will not take responsibility for damage arising from improper cleaning and maintenance of the Allura fiber-cement siding.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Never use harsh cleaners, abrasives, or solvents since they may damage the surface or finish.
- It is recommended to clean small sections at a time. Adjust working area to accommodate variations in drying times, which may vary based on temperature, humidity, sun exposure, siding temperature, etc.
- Never allow cleaning solutions to dry on the surface.
- Always wash and rinse from top to bottom to prevent dripping or streaking onto the cleaned area.
- If using a brush or cloth, scrub in a side-to-side motion with the direction of the lap or shake siding. If cleaning panel siding scrub up-and-down.
- Always tests a small, inconspicuous area with the selected cleaning method to ensure the chosen method won't damage the finish or product.

PERSONAL PROTECTION

Wear proper PPE in accordance with the manufactures written instructions and SDS when applying any solution. Protect any shrubbery with a plastic drop cloth. Thoroughly rinse the treated area with clean water, rinsing from the top down.

CONSTRUCTION & CUT DUST

TOOLS	CLEANING SOLUTION	CLEANING METHOD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soft cloth, soft bristled paint or bench brush, horsehair brush, and/or sponge • Garden hose and/or bucket • DO NOT use hard or metallic bristle brushes or an abrasive sponge that may damage the siding or finish 	Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If using a brush, sweep the surface of the siding to remove any dirt, dust, or deleterious material and rinse the area. • If using a soft cloth, wet the cloth then wipe the area and rinse with water.

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OIL, GREASE, & OTHER ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS

TOOLS	CLEANING SOLUTION	CLEANING METHOD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soft cloth, soft bristled paint or bench brush, horsehair brush, and/or sponge Garden hose and/or bucket DO NOT use hard or metallic bristle brushes or an abrasive sponge that may damage the siding or finish 	<p>Mild liquid dish soap, such as Dawn®, and water.</p> <p>DO NOT use harsh chemical cleaners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If using a brush, sweep the surface of the siding to remove any dirt, dust, or deleterious material and rinse the area. If using a soft cloth, wet the cloth then wipe the area and rinse with water.

MOLD & MILDEW

TOOLS	CLEANING SOLUTION	CLEANING METHOD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soft cloth, and/or sponge Garden hose and/or bucket DO NOT use hard or metallic bristle brushes or an abrasive sponge that may damage the siding or finish 	<p>Mildew cleaner, such as Jomax® or Mold Armor® and water</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the manufacturer's instructions Gently scrub the affected area Rinse the area

TOUGH STAINS

TOOLS	CLEANING SOLUTION	CLEANING METHOD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soft cloth, soft bristled paint or bench brush, horsehair brush, and/or sponge Spray bottle or bucket for mixing and applying cleaner Garden hose and/or bucket DO NOT use hard or metallic bristle brushes or an abrasive sponge that may damage the siding or finish 	<p>NorthStar® House Wash Concentrate by Norther® Tool + Equipment or Mighty Boss™ by Zoom Cleaning Products diluted to 1:12 (1-qt. (1L) cleaner to 3-gal. (12L) water)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spray or brush the cleaner onto the affected area Gently scrub the affected area using the sponge, soft cloth, or soft brush Continually rinse the area to ensure all the cleaner has been removed DO NOT allow the cleaner to dry on the surface

Tough stains may include clay, gypsum, or cement based dust that may remain on finished products, including Spectrum®. Action should be taken as soon as possible for best results.

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**NOTICE**

Low pressure water spray, and a soft bristle (non-metallic) brush is the most suitable method for cleaning Allura fiber cement. If using a pressure washer, take care to ensure the water stream does not damage the siding, or drive water behind the siding. Use a wide fan tip and remain 6-feet (1.8m) away from the siding. Do not exceed 1,500 psi (100 Bars) to minimize the risk of damaging the siding. Allura will not take responsibility for damage arising from improper cleaning and maintenance of the Allura fiber-cement siding.

Abrasive blasting and acid washing can damage the fiber-cement and is NOT recommended.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional resources, including our most current installation instructions and code reports, please visit our website at www.allurausa.com. For technical services email technical.services@elementia.com or call 844.4.ALLURA.

For additional information, see also technical bulletins [M02.A—Effloresces](#) and [M03.A—Care & Maintenance](#)

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