



Design and Architectural Services

## **CLEANING BRICK MASONRY**

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After a masonry wall has been completed, it is often necessary to wash it down to clean off mortar, dirt or other debris. Oftentimes, if done incorrectly, this process can severely damage the brick façade. In this discussion, we will investigate which method and chemical works best with different brick. We will also look at the consequences of wrong selections.

Other topics included in this presentation are --

### **Typical Staining**

We will look at how to identify a variety of common stains.

### **Cleaning Chemicals**

What chemicals can be used to clean common stains? Which are effective, and which ones have the potential to damage masonry?

### **Color Correction Procedures**

When a brick wall is cleaned incorrectly, surface coatings can be removed revealing a different color underneath. Re-staining the brick to match the original color is sometimes the only option. Knowing what to expect from the contractor and brick manufacturer is also discussed.

### **Scheduling and Protection**

Many masonry cleaners are harsh chemicals. Care needs to be taken when using them. Window systems, any cement products, and vegetation can be harmed by them. We'll look at the methods recommended to ensure the chemical is handled properly and the materials that need to be installed after cleaning has taken place.