



AUTUMN MAINTENANCE

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Gutter Maintenance

Gutter sludge is an accumulation of debris in your gutter system that consists of fine organic material and is typically black and slimy. The fine particles that create gutter sludge include, pollen, algae, moss, roofing materials, decomposing leaves, tree needles, and twigs and bird feces. Gutter sludge can build up over time into a soupy mass and this rotting material becomes a slimy mess that will clog your gutters and downspouts.



Gutter Silt is a solid, dust-like sediment that water, ice, and wind transport and deposit into your gutter system. Silt buildup can cause blockage and backups in your gutter system.

Shingle sediment is the granules on an asphalt roof that loosen over a course of time from constant barrage of rainfall in coastal BC rainforest areas of the lower mainland, and, as a result, the granules will begin to shed off the roof's surface and sweep into your gutters and downspouts. Shingle sediment weighs more than water and if it collects and remain in your gutter system than it can create a clog.

How To Prevent gutter sludge, silt, and roofing sediment

Gutter sludge, silt, and shingle sediment can only become a huge issue if overlooked. The weight of full gutters and stagnant gutter water could result in all sorts of issues like overflowing gutters, sagging or detached gutter, damage to the soffit and fascia boards, and foundation damage. You can alleviate them and even prevent them from clogging up in the first place, with regular gutter maintenance.

How often should you clean your gutters?

Once a year is sufficient in the fall after the leaves have fallen. However, if your house structure is near proximity to trees, even if they are your neighbour's, recommend that you have gutters cleaned twice a year or more due to heavy shedding trees from leaves, tree needles, and twigs.

Let us assist in the regular maintenance of cleaning your gutter system, we do not recommend pressure washing the gutters, the inexperience person can weaken out the corners, gutter strainers traps, and splatter the dirt and debris onto the exterior of your home. We clean the gutters by hand and rinse off with water to make sure water is flowing properly to the down pipe, this method is cleaner and more efficient.

Gutter Repairs



The gutter system will over time require some routine repairs, for example, gutters becoming separated from the house, plugged or loose down pipes, gutters misaligned causing water flow issues. We can install gutter or downspout strainer (outlet), down pipes, drip edge, and rehang gutters with the proper gutter mounting screws, along with fixing any gutter slope water flow issues. When they install gutters, they use an average screw, however, this type of screw overtime can become rusty and weaken from the weight of debris, moisture, water, and screw will simply break. Also, fascia boards that are wet or rotten can affect the efficiency of the screws. We use a metal flashing screw with a rubber washer that prolongs the lifespan and prevents water from penetrating to the screw that fastens to the fascia boards.

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"Darryl and the JFB team were again at the top of there game when they recently completed a cleaning of our house exterior and roof de-mossing. They did a fantastic job as they always have when we have used their services in the past. Check their website for other work they can do! Thanks Darryl and your team for another great job!!!."