

## WASHING PAINTED SURFACES

### HELPFUL HINTS FOR WASHING PAINTED SURFACES

Different paints with varying sheens will wash better than others

Kitchens, baths and kids rooms usually require more cleaning than family rooms and bedrooms. The use of an eggshell, satin or semi-gloss product provides increased wash ability in these areas. The higher the sheen level the greater the wash ability.

Following the information below, you will find the care and maintenance of your painted surfaces will be made a little easier.

Five easy steps for washing walls:

These are some very important guidelines to washing painted walls:

1. Use lukewarm water (approximately 85 degrees F) with mild detergent such as dishwashing liquid.
2. Do not use strong cleaners such as Formula 409, Spic-N-Span, Pine-Sol, Ajax, Soft Scrub, or Comet.
3. Wash with a soft sponge or lint free 100% cotton wash rag.
4. Start washing from the bottom and work your way up. Water streaks are less likely to form if this method is used.
5. Use a cellulose sponge or lint free 100% cotton wash rag to thoroughly rinse area with clear water. Do not press hard or use a scrub brush.

The wall may appear to be discolored as the paint absorbs the water, but normally will dry back to its original color. Vigorous repeated scrubbing or use of an abrasive or strong detergent will eventually remove any flat paint. Do not wash walls for 30 days after painting, all vinyl and acrylic resin based paints require this period of time to become fully cured.

Always test any cleaning solution on an inconspicuous area to insure best results.

**CAUTION: NEVER MIX BLEACH AND AMMONIA INTO THE SAME SOLUTION!**