**Deep Cleaning Can Be a Power Trip**

By Lee Fleming

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"O nce the power washer could fill the power washer’s words, skill, address, grammar or at least have a point — not for a steady stream of problems. When it comes to house exteriors, decks, driveways and even the undersides of your car, power washing is a kind of annual ritual. Keeping a house in the city is likely to have collected years of grime on its exterior, whereas in the country or in new developments may get a constant rinsing or washing."

Other tasks tackle the job of keeping your house clean, such as power washing for a new paint job. "You want your house looking its best, clean as a pea that is starting to loosens or when it gets dirty, " says Doug Halton, owner of House Painting in Baltimore.

"Some people powerwash for health and safety reasons, says Doug DeLauve, owner of Marland Power Wash in Germantown. "A lot of digging, dirt, sand and other debris around the foundation of your home, especially in older homes, can be removed by a high-pressure washer," he says.

"The best power washers are the ones that do the job right, " says Halton. "If you have a deck or fence, we can make sure that the job is done right, " he says. "We use a high-pressure washer to clean the fence and then we go over it with a broom to make sure it's clean."

Most power washes last between 30 to 60 minutes. The cost can range from $100 to $150, depending on the size of the job. Power washing is a good way to prepare your home for painting, " says Halton. "If you have a deck or fence, we can make sure that the job is done right, " he says. "We use a high-pressure washer to clean the fence and then we go over it with a broom to make sure it's clean."

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**Fixes That Pest or Call In The Troops?**

by James Henry

*The Washington Post*

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"You can try to trap them, you can try to keep them out, you can try to kill them. But there's a better way."

"The solution is simple. Use a professional pest control service. They have the expertise and the tools to get rid of those pesky pests."

"The best way to find a good pest control service is to ask your neighbors or check online reviews. Be sure to read the reviews carefully. Look for companies that have a good reputation and offer quality services."

"Once you find a good pest control service, make sure to follow their instructions carefully. This will help ensure that your pest problem is solved and that your home remains pest-free."

"If you're unsure of what to do, or if you're not sure if you have a pest problem, you can always call a professional pest control service. They can assess the situation and recommend the best course of action."

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