

Hey neighbors,

With Spring just around the corner, and the weather warming, we all usually feel the “Spring cleaning bug”! This year we have an opportunity to take care of an outside problem that affects us all. I’m talking about the mold, mildew and algae growing on the outsides of your house! The Architectural Control Committee has written dozens of letters to neighbors who have excessive mold on their houses in the last year, and here are some solutions!

Since the trees and shrubs in our yards produce airborne sugars that float on the wind and stick to vinyl siding and shingles, the mold, mildew and especially algae feed on them. However, there are several ways of removing them.

For the do-it-yourself type: AskTheBuilder.com suggests using Oxygen Bleach cleaner (only \$4 for 1.5 pounds at Wal-Mart) mixed with water and dish soap. Using chlorine based bleach is known to kill the roots of grass and plants although some people believe it can be diluted enough to be ok. Just spray on the mixture with a paint sprayer, scrub with a soft brush where you can reach, and rinse off with liberal amounts of water. Working in the sun causes the soapy mixture to dry on the siding, so working in small patches in the shade is recommended.

If you prefer, a neighbor on Victoria Station has used a service who has given us a discount to pressure wash the house for you. He has reduced his normal price and (using your water), will charge \$125 for Ranch-style homes, and \$150 for Split-level homes. They also gave us special prices to clean driveways, sidewalks, fences and decks. You can call Mark Cobb (the owner) for references and an appointment at Premier Pressure Washing & Concrete Cleaning, 678-859-8679. Just mention that you live here in Olde Peachtree Station.

**Thanks for helping to make this a beautiful neighborhood,
Your OPS HOA Board of Directors**