

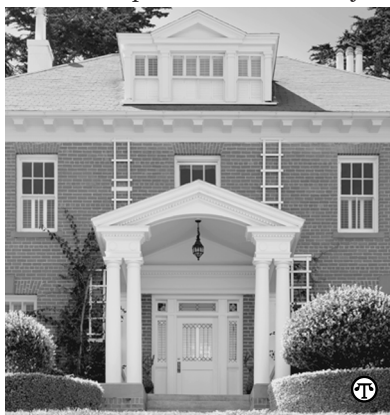
Home Improvement Tips

Repainting Your Home

(NAPSA)—The exterior of your home is the first impression you give the outside world and a good paint job is critical to your home's appearance.

Ed Waller, co-founder of Certa Pro Painters, offers these easy-to-follow tips to make painting the exterior of your home easier:

- First, evaluate the condition of your house. Look for bare wood, metal or masonry surfaces. That's where the paint is worn and you



Exterior of a home painted by CertaPro Painters.

need a new coat. You might have other problems, such as moisture, that a professional painter should assess for you.

- Use a cleaning solution to remove dirt on siding. Scrub well and rinse thoroughly.

- Prepare your house well if you are repainting it. Some loose paint is obvious, but some is hard to find by just looking at it.

- Buy the best paint possible for the exterior of a house. The same goes for brushes and rollers.

- Be sure to paint in the shade on a bright day. Painting in the sun can cause the paint to dry too fast and blister.

- Brush first, then roll. Paint the trim last.

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