

# Technical Bulletin

## How to Clean Your Tile Roof

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Concrete tile roofs are sustainable, visually striking and extremely durable, providing decades of protection for the homes they cover. Over time, however, homeowners may notice algae, mold or mildew buildup—common with natural materials. While these biological pollutants do not affect the integrity of the tile, some may find their appearance undesirable. Fortunately, concrete tile roofs are highly cleanable.

*It is highly recommended that you hire a licensed, bonded and insured Roofing Contractor to perform this service.*



- A man lift may be used for roof access and cleaning is often performed by using a low-pressure washer with a surface cleaner attachment.
- Use water-only cleaning when possible, with pressure not exceeding 1200 psi.
- If chemicals are necessary, use them sparingly and in the most diluted solution compatible with concrete to avoid altering the tile's pH or appearance.

- Have a professional inspect the roof first to address any repairs and perform recommended maintenance.
- **Walking on a roof can be dangerous.** It's essential that proper safety measures are used—such as a fall restraint system—to protect workers and prevent tile damage.



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