Did you know?

Cleaning your roofs and sidewalks to prevent mold in Florida is especially important due to the state's hot, humid, and rainy climate, which creates ideal conditions for mold, mildew, algae, and lichen growth. Here's why regular cleaning matters:

1. Preserve Structural Integrity

- Mold and algae can degrade roofing materials over time, shortening the life of shingles, tiles, and underlayment.
- On sidewalks, mold can seep into cracks and crevices, causing pitting and erosion, especially in porous surfaces like concrete or pavers.

2. Prevent Safety Hazards

- Mold and algae make sidewalks dangerously slippery, increasing the risk of falls for residents and guests.
- On roofs, buildup can block water flow, leading to standing water and leaks.

3. Avoid Costly Repairs and Fines

 Mold damage can result in expensive roof repairs or replacements. Many Florida communities and POAs/HOAs issue violation notices or fines if sidewalks or roofs appear moldy or neglected.

4. Maintain Curb Appeal

 Mold and algae create unsightly black or green streaks, making properties look dirty and poorly maintained.

In summary, the combination of EPA's moisture control recommendations, safe soft-washing practices, and Florida-specific considerations creates a clear, effective roadmap for preventing mold on roofs and preserving their longevity and safety.