

What do gutters do?

Gutters carry rainwater from your roof areas down the side of your home and safely away from the foundation. Properly functioning gutters also prevent large icicles from forming at the edge of your roofline, which can damage the edges of shingles or cause your gutters to fall off completely. The leaders should drain the water 3-5 feet from the foundation of your home, safely away from frequently used sidewalks or driveways, so the water cannot accumulate and create unsafe conditions: puddles or freezing ice, where family members or guests can slip and fall.

What happens when gutters get clogged?

When the gutters become clogged, the water does not drain through the leaders as it should. Instead it overflows over the front or the back of the gutter. When the water overflows over the front of the gutter it is easy to notice: usually it erodes the soil below the leaking area or begins making black marks on the side of your home from the dirty water inside the gutter continually leaking. If the water in the gutter overflows over the back of the gutter, it can leak inside your home, potentially creating mold. In addition, if there are fascia boards or rafters behind the gutter, these will begin to rot, which can attract termites and carpenter ants. Overall, the exterior of your home will age much faster and be in need of repair.

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Gutter Guard

Gutter Cleaning Service



Before



After

Cleaning your gutters can be dangerous, and your time can be better spent doing other things!

Horizon can save you valuable time & give you peace of mind with our Gutter Cleaning Service.



Horizon & You: Together, we can protect your home, health & property

Horizon Gutter Guard Protects Your Investment

Clogged gutters can cause damage to your home and attract unwanted pests. Horizon's **Gutter Guard** Gutter Cleaning Service protects your home from foundation problems, basement leaks, rotting windows, rotting fascia boards and soffits, mold and mildew. It also reduces infestations by mosquitoes and other insects that breed in standing water. In addition sometimes animals such as birds and squirrels may become attracted to and build their nests inside or behind your gutters, which can also cause a clog or draw them in your attic.

Signs that your gutters need cleaning

Your gutters will not work properly if they are clogged. Any of the following signs may be an indication that your gutters need cleaning:

- Water coming over the top of gutters when it rains.
- Water in your basement.
- Water constantly dripping or leaking from the gutters when it is not raining or hasn't rained recently.
- Vegetation growing in your gutters.
- Icicles accumulating on your gutters.

These are just the most obvious signs of clogged gutters, but sometimes the signs are not so easy to spot, which is why we recommend cleaning your gutters twice a year.

We recommend cleaning your gutters twice per year:

- **Late spring/early summer** (May or June after all the seed pods, blossoms, and "helicopters" are done falling.) This natural debris will clog gutters as well as the leaders and any underground drains on the system. Seed pods will soon germinate, and you could have trees growing out of your gutters! Excess moisture near wood surfaces will attract termites and carpenter ants.
- **Late fall/early winter** (October/November/December, after most leaves are done falling.) This will help protect your gutters over the winter and prevent icicles and ice dams from forming, which could severely damage your gutters and roofline.

Horizon cleans your gutters the right way

We will arrive at your home ready to go with our own ladders, hoses and bags. We will clean out the contents of all gutters and leaders. Then the gutters and leaders will be flushed out with our hose which will be hooked up to your water source. Any leaks or repairs will be noted and you will be promptly contacted to further discuss the problem. Upon completion of the cleaning all debris will be bagged and ready for disposal with your regular trash, or we can remove it for you.

Do I need to be home when my gutters are cleaned?

No, you do not. We will call you the day before to schedule a 2-hour window for us to come by your property.

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