The beauty of vinyl siding is maintained with little effort. Although vinyl siding will get dirty, like anything exposed to the atmosphere, a heavy rain will do wonders in cleaning it. Or, it's possible to wash it down with a garden hose. If neither rain nor hosing does a satisfactory job, follow these simple instructions:

1. Use an ordinary, long-handled car washing brush. This brush has soft bristles, and the handle fastens onto the end of the hose. It allows the siding to be washed just like a car. Avoid using stiff bristle brushes or abrasive cleaners, which may change the gloss of the cleaned area and cause the siding to look splotchy.

2. When washing down your entire house, start at the bottom and work up to the top in order to prevent streaking. Rinse Cleaning Solution with water before it dries. If your house has brick facing, cover the brick so that it is not affected by the runoff.

3. Follow the precautionary labeling instructions on the cleaning agent container. Protect shrubs from direct contact with cleaning agents.

4. To remove soot and grime found in industrial areas, wipe down the siding with a solution made up of the following:

1/3 cup powdered detergent [(e.g. Fab®, Tide®, or equivalent powder detergent)]*

2/3 cup powdered household cleaner [(e.g., Soilax®, Spic & Span®, or equivalent)]*

1 gallon water

5. If mold and mildew are a problem, add one quart of liquid laundry bleach to the cleaning solution mentioned above.

6. For stubborn stains, use the chart on the right. (page 6)

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STAIN	CLEANERS*
Bubble Gum	Fantastik®, Murphy's Oil Soap®, or solution of vinegar [30 percent] and water [70 percent]
Crayon	Lestoil®
DAP [Oil-based caulk]	Fantastik®
Felt-Tip Pen	Fantastik® or water-based cleaners
Grass	Fantastik®, Lysol®, Murphy's Oil Soap®, or Windex®
Lipstick	Fantastik®, or Murphy's Oil Soap®
Lithium Grease	Fantastik®, Lysol®, Murphy's Oil Soap®, or Windex®
Motor Oil	Fantastik®, Lysol®, Murphy's Oil Soap®, or Windex®
Paint	Brillo® Pad or Soft Scrub®
Pencil	Soft Scrub®
Rust	Fantastik®, Murphy's Oil Soap®, or Windex®
Tar	Soft Scrub®
Topsoil	Fantastik®, Lysol®, or Murphy's Oil Soap®

CAUTION: Do not use or mix sodium hypochlorite with other household chemicals or products containing ammonia. To do so will release hazardous gasses.

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