

## DID YOU KNOW...



## WHEN TO REPAINT YOUR HOME

The way the exterior of our homes look, says a great deal about the time, attention and pride we take in our properties as well as our commitment to keeping our community beautiful and welcoming. As homeowners living in an HOA, we all have an obligation to keep our properties neat, tidy and well maintained.

Repainting the exterior of our homes not only keeps our homesites attractive and fresh it adds to the overall curb appeal of DWO and can increase property values.

### Did you know...

Paint finishes in our area typically only last 5-10 years due to the hot Florida sun and ultraviolet radiation. It is a good idea to walk around your house every Spring to see how the paint is holding up no matter how recently the exterior was painted.

In Florida, the best time of year to paint is when the humidity is low. Avoid the rainy season as the paint needs adequate time to dry.

### **Painting is a skill. Interview contractors and ask them about their:**

- ✓ Process
- ✓ Technique
- ✓ Cost
- ✓ Insurance
- ✓ Warranty
- ✓ Paint quality
- ✓ Clean-up
- ✓ Duration of job



Typically, contractors will prepare the surface by power washing to remove dirt and grime to ensure you have a good clean base for the paint. Next, they will repair, fill and seal cracks and use a high quality paint to ensure an attractive and durable finish.

Make sure that a premium-grade paint is applied because cheaper grades of paint often cause a bleed-through after a short time and will not stand up to normal wear and tear nearly as long as a premium grade of paint.

If it is time to repaint your house, submit an ARC application prior to beginning the project. You can repaint the same colors (check your move-in package from the builder for info) or choose from any of the dozens of DWO color schemes, which can be found on the portal's ARC page or by visiting the front desk at the clubhouse to view the book of color selections. Check out [Jerry's List - Resident Recommendations](#) to see who your neighbors recommend.

Please do your part in keeping DWO a beautiful and welcoming community!