

## **CLEANING A DECRA ROOF**

Due to inevitable accumulation of dust, dirt and airborne pollutants on roof surfaces over time, it may become necessary to periodically clean your roof. Accumulated dirt is also a food source for possible algae, lichen, mildew or moss growth on your roof's surface.

To clean your roof, carefully consider the following practices:

**DO** take all safety precautions, including fall safety measures, while cleaning your DECRA roof.

**DO** use cleaning and post-wash algae, mildew, lichen, moss preventative products that are not corrosive and will not harm your lawn and garden.

**DO** carefully follow the preparation and application instructions for any cleaning product you use on your DECRA roof. As for cleaning products to consider, the following list – while not comprehensive – does offer products that are compatible with DECRA roofing (in alphabetical order):

- **Bayer Advanced 2-in-1 Moss & Algae Killer**
- **Redishan's Wash Safe Roof Wash**
- **Spray & Forget Roof Cleaner Concentrate**
- **Wet & Forget Outdoor**

**DO** disconnect roof cistern collection systems to avoid contamination when cleaning your roof. Allow the roof to further flush via at least three rainfall occurrences before re-connecting roof water run-off back into the cistern collection system.

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**DO NOT** use copper-based products or solutions to clean or treat a DECRA roof for algae, mildew, lichen, or moss growth. Copper-based products or solutions accelerate corrosion to DECRA roof panels, due to dissimilar metals reaction.

**DO NOT** use water pressure above 500 psi. Carefully use water spray more for a rinse procedure rather than a primary dirt and algae, mildew, lichen, moss removal method. **AVOID** forceful removal of roof panel stone coat granules in all instances.

**DO NOT** exceed 160 degrees (F) water/solution temperature if using a heated water/steam type cleaning apparatus.