How to Paint a House Right!™

Full Exterior Painting Equipment List

- 1 Gas-powered pressure washer (minimum 2200 PSI)
- 1 hand-pump garden sprayer (minimum 2-gallon capacity min.)
- 1 high quality 50-foot garden hose (preferably 2)
- Rubber gloves
- Eye protection, rain gear, rubber or waterproof boots
- Four 5-gallon buckets
- Four 1-gallon cutting pots with handles
- Rags
- Curved or square-blade scraper with a 2- or 3-inch blade and stout handle
- Smaller (1 inch) version of the above for tight corners and detail work
- Flexible (not stiff) 1-inch putty knife
- "5-Way" painters' tool with hammerhead handle (for pounding in loose nails)
- Screwdriver (interchangeable between standard and Philips)
- Dripless caulk gun
- Plastic bucket with four inches of water
- Rags
- Razor knife (one of the bright plastic inexpensive ones that has an extendable blade)
- Flexible (not stiff) 1-inch putty knife
- "Five-way" painters' tool with hammerhead handle
- Screw drivers (regular and Philips)
- Power drill with screwdriver bits (if preferred over handheld screwdriver)
- Duster brush
- Black Sharpie marker
- Masking tool that dispenses tape/paper combination
- Drop cloths (as many as you can get, and avoid plastic ones)

- Two bucket hooks (for attaching paint buckets to ladders)
- Brushes (highest quality you can buy)
- 3 1/2 inch angled latex brush (two is a good idea, especially if you're painting multiple colors, but one will suffice)
- 2 1/2 inch angled latex brush (one, for windows and other small trim)
- 4 inch squared oil brush (one, for deck stain)
- Roller covers or "naps" (highest quality—I prefer the yellow ones over the white ones. Thicknesses will range from 3/8 inch to 1 1/4 inches, depending on how rough the surfaces are.)
- Two or three grated roller "ramps" that fit into 5-gallon buckets
- Two to four roller handles (highest quality handles you can get)
- One 2-4 foot extendable roller pole (Optional: One 4-8 foot extendable pole)
- One "weenie roller" handle (and at least four high-quality weenie roller "naps")
- Two bucket hooks (for attaching paint buckets to ladders)
- Ladders (4)*
- One 6-foot aluminum step ladder, lightweight but stout (grade II)
- One 8-foot step ladder (grade II)
- One 20-foot extension ladder (grade II, consider leg levelers)
- One 24-foot extension ladder (grade II, consider leg levelers)
- Rent a 36-foot extension ladder if you have high spots to reach
- Optional: Ladder jacks and scaffold plank (handy but hard to manage with one person)
- Optional: Professional grade airless paint sprayer (rent, borrow, or buy). You'll also need at least 50 feet of spray line, one spray gun, a 12 gauge extension cord, throat lubricant for the sprayer, and one or more spray tips (ask at the paint store about the best size tip for your job; typically a 515 or 517 tip is used for spraying latex)
- Radio
- Ball cap
- Sunscreen
- Cheap foam knee pads
- Cotton work gloves