

# GUTTER CLEANING SERVICES

Regular maintenance is paramount to safeguarding your property against the detrimental effects of overflowing or blocked gutters. Regular maintenance will prevent potential damage and uphold the integrity of your home or business.

## CONSEQUENCES OF BLOCKED GUTTERING

### INVALIDATING INSURANCE

Many commercial properties insurance require you to maintain your property in the event of water damage and fire hazards. If you do not maintain your commercial property this could result in your insurance being void.

### DAMAGE TO FOUNDATIONS

Damage to foundations can occur when a blocked drain overflows during heavy rainfall. The water can pool at the base of the building and cause damage to the foundations. This can, over time, weaken the structure of the premises and has been known to cause localised collapse of the building.

### LEAKING ROOFS

Blocked gutters are the root cause of a large proportion of leaking roofs. Blocked gutters can cause water to pool on the roof and over time, the pooled water will seep through. This obviously means repairing the roof but, usually, requires repairs to inside walls and flooring as well.

### INSECT INFESTATIONS

This typically occurs when debris build up in a gutter becomes an ideal breeding ground for insects if the gutter is not regularly cleared. Insects are attracted by the damp conditions and will become a problem if not removed.

Blocked gutters are particularly attractive to termites which can have quite serious repercussions if they infest the whole building. Wasp nests are also an issue which often requires expensive, professional removal.



## BROKEN GUTTERS

Debris building up in a gutter can add significant weight to the gutter itself. When it rains, leaves and other debris will absorb the water and add immeasurably to the overall weight – this will in turn, eventually pull the gutter, and often it's fixings from the wall.

## HOW OFTEN SHOULD GUTTERS BE CLEANED?

The above highlight the symptoms and potential costs arising from gutters that aren't cleaned frequently enough. If you don't have a regular cleaning cycle for gutter cleaning or the key seasons are changing, it's time to call us – this suggests cleaning twice a year should prevent all the problems and costs associated with the list above.

## WHY D F WILLIAMS?

### EXPERIENCE OF WORKING AT HEIGHT

With over 45 years of commercial window cleaning experience, we know how to work at height ensuring our own safety and without damaging your private or commercial property. We will access gutters overcoming obstacles such as extensions, conservatories and garages etc..

We can clear gutters up to 4 stories which many others might deem too difficult to reach.

### THE EQUIPMENT TO QUANTIFY, NOT GUESS AT THE ISSUE

We can survey even the most difficult commercial properties using the latest photographic and video equipment to diagnose the problem is regarding your guttering. This removes the guess work, and wasted time and cost, from recommending and executing the solution.

Where closer physical inspection is required – and any cleaning or remedial work on the guttering will be carried out – we have qualified operators of 'cherry picker' machines (scissor lift) to gain access, and in exceptional circumstances, a long reach 'spider' access platform can be used.

### TECHNOLOGY TO CLEAR THE GUTTERING

To actually remove debris from the gutter things have moved on from long arms and manual strength. We use ground based vacuum systems to remove all the material – this has the added benefit of ensuring all the material is automatically removed from site by us rather than having to be swept and bagged up manually.

### INSURANCE AND STANDARDS

As a well-established, but still relatively local business, we carry full public liability insurance to protect the owner/tenant of any domestic/commercial property.

We also hold both the ISO 9001 standard for quality and ISO 14001 for protecting the environment.

You can also be assured that any material we remove from site will be disposed of responsibly as we hold a Waste Carrier License.



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