

For Brick Layers - How to achieve PRISTINE BRICKS

Lay as clean as possible

- All walls have to be cleaned **within 3 weeks** of brick work completion. Please text the cleaner when you have finished.
- Walls **partially built** HAVE to be hand cleaned (scraped, brushed, sponged), at the end of each day to prevent mortar hardening too much, ideal for **CLEAN AS YOU GO** work.
- **White light mortar** has to be cleaned within 7 days of being laid, otherwise smears cannot be easily removed off the bricks. Text your cleaner when you complete the build.
- **Sandy and textured brick faces** have to be cleaned within 7 days. Mortar smears fix too much after this. Text your cleaner when you complete the build.
- **Brick lay as clean as possible.** Smears embed themselves into brick faces easily, increasingly hardening until 30 days.
- **Remove** all heavy build ups, dags. Brush a **hard DRY bristle brush downwards** to remove excess mortar. Mortar should be biscuity before doing this.
- Use a **DAMP sponge** and remove smears, over wetting this sponge can cause cement runs.
- Use a **DAMP sponge** to clean mortar build up around corners on sills etc.

Mortar Consistency

The way sand, cement and lime are measured is not important. The consistency of this measure is:

- **Even mortar** is achieved after eight 8 minutes of mixing. 6 : 1 : 1
- **Try NOT to** use additives, they make the cleaning more difficult. If you have to, then scrape, brush and sponge after the build.

Danger of inconsistent mortar mix.

- Mortar will dry with different colours
- Blow outs in the mortar.
- Uneven clean showing shady discolouration.

Our system rates both the Brick Layer and the Cleaners score together, to achieve a JOB satisfaction score, verified by the BUILDER. This way we have a holistic approach to the successful outcome.