

Safe Work Practice (SWP)

Name of Task Pressure Washing	
Department/Unit: Custodial and Maintenance	
Personal Protective Equipment or other required equipment and safety considerations: Eye protection, Rubber CSA approved footwear, and hearing protection.	
Hazards: Electric Shock, back splashing, slip and fall, and hearing loss.	
Required Training:	
Steps to be taken to complete task safely:	
1	Pre-Operational Safety Checks:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure hose are not damaged. Ensure that all nozzles and attachments are free of damage and in good working condition. Ensure that all cords are free of tears and fraying. Ensure that all plugs have grounds. Ensure that all safety 'wet floor' signs are placed around the immediate work area. Inspect required personal protective equipment and replace if required.
2	Prohibited Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not leave this equipment unattended while running. Do not operate this machine without proper safety equipment. Do not spray employees, staff or other people with pressure washer. Do not spray unauthorized surfaces without supervisor's permission. Do not touch machine with wet hands. Do not cover the machine while spraying authorized areas.
3	Wear all required personal protective equipment.
4	Attach high pressure hose to outlet socket at front of machine.
5	Attach water hose to inlet socket at front of machine.
6	Attach hose to water supply (taps).
7	Attach spray gun to high pressure hose and secure.
8	Plug machine in to wall socket.
9	Turn on water.
10	Turn on power.
11	Adjust pressure and activate spray gun to remove air from pump and hose.
12	Adjust the amount of pressure needed for the type of task you are about to do. CAUTION: Do not use full power when using the pressure washer as it may damage some walls and floors. Adjust to proper pressure needed for each task.
13	After finishing the task turn off machine.
14	Turn off water.
15	Unplug machine from wall socket.
16	Press the spray gun handle to release the pressure from hose and machine.
17	Post-Operational Safety Checks:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure equipment is off.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detach all hoses and power cords. • Dry any water or dirt that may be on the machine. • Roll up cords and hoses and store on machines cart. • Place all materials in their proper storage areas. • Ensure the equipment is safe, clean and tidy before you leave it.
<p><i>If an emergency situation occurs while conducting this task, or there is an equipment malfunction, shut the equipment off immediately and follow the lock out procedure. Report any hazardous situation to your instructor/supervisor immediately.</i></p>	
<p align="center">Responsibilities, Completion and Review</p>	
<p><i>Management and workers to ensure all duties performed in accordance to training, established health and safety regulations/guidelines, policies and procedures (e.g. utilizing personal, protective equipment as per SAFE Work Procedures). Notify Manager or designates (i.e. supervisors) of all occurrences, injuries illnesses or safety and health concerns which are likely to harm themselves, co-workers, or any others who enter the premises.</i></p>	
<p>Completed by and Date:</p>	<p>Approved by:</p>
<p>Last Reviewed/Revised by and Date:</p>	<p>Note: This task will be monitored periodically to ensure compliance and effectiveness.</p>