

SWMS Title:	Cleaning External Surfaces with a Pressure Washer	Description of Task / Activity:	Using a pressure washer to clean gardening sales area and other external areas.	
Partner Site:	All Partner Sites			
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1. Hazard / Hazardous Event	2. Current Controls
Preparation/location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pressure washers are only to be used to clean gardening sales area and other external areas in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions. Pressure washing must not be undertaken indoors. These works should be undertaken out of trading hours.
Preparation/Prestart - Water Spray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enclosed footwear with no slip soles must be worn. Safety glasses must be worn while operating a pressure washer. Only cleaners who have been made aware of the hazards associated with using a pressure washer are to carry out this task. Conduct a visual check of pressure washer damage to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> unit and electrical leads hoses and fittings Do not use the pressure washer if there is evidence damage, contact supervisor. Visually inspect the drain or watercourse where the wastewater is to run to ensure there are no blockages.
Preparation/Prestart - Electrical Hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure pressure washer power lead has been tested and tagged with an in-date test tag. Check pressure washer power lead is free from damage with no exposed wires or broken insulation. Attach an out of service tag and report faulty pressure washer to supervisor. Pressure washer must be connected to a Residual Current Device (RCD) outlet or have an RCD connected between the pressure washer power cord and the wall socket. Where extension leads are used with the pressure washer, ensure a IP44 Outdoor Safety Box is used where the power cable and extension cable join and that it is fitted correctly.
Preparation/Prestart - Pedestrian & Motorised Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hi-visibility vest to be worn when pressure washing near roads or driveways, in car parks, in loading docks or other areas where mobile plant or vehicles operate.

Preparation/Prestart – Slips, Trips & Falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barricade and sign work area to prevent unauthorised access where there is a slip trip and fall hazard for pedestrian traffic. • Avoid running cables across pathways, walkways or doorways.
Pressure Washer Operation - Slips, Trips & Falls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always operate the pressure washer in front of you while working away from the unit but in the direction of the drain or watercourse. Always keep the hose behind you and out of the work area. • Always stand on the already cleaned surface even though it is wet. • Never pull on the hose to move the unit or if the hose gets jammed as it may damage the unit. • When moving the pressure washer to the next position the power cable to remain behind the unit.
Pressure Washer Operation - Manual Handling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operate pressure washer nozzle while standing upright and with arm positioned close to body. Use your arms to move the nozzle in arc across the body. • Do not operate the pressure washer for extended without regular intervals of alternative tasks.
3. Additional Information	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Additional Information contact the HSE Team. 	
4. Activity Risk Rating:	Medium (B3)