

As part of a normal roof maintenance program, concrete tile is often cleaned to remove dirt, grease, algae, fungus and molds. The skill of the individual doing the cleaning and the method employed will determine the ultimate appearance of the roof.

Roof cleaning requires an experienced individual who understands what he or she is doing. When done by a professional the roof can look new, but when done by an amateur a roof can be irreparably damaged. Furthermore, if the individual is inexperienced in walking on a roof he or she may break tile or fall and suffer serious injury.

The method used in cleaning the roof is dependent on what needs to be cleaned off. If the problem is algae, fungus and mold, a dilute solution of bleach is recommended. The bleach is diluted to 5 to 7% and applied by low-pressure spray. The area is allowed to sit for a few minutes until the algae, fungus or mold is killed. The plant materials will visibly lighten in the bleaching process. The roof is then washed off, removing any remaining dirt.

In summary, roof cleaning is a job for professionals experienced with roof tile and cleaning roofs. Allowing an inexperienced individual on your roof is a risk not worth taking.