

The "Flush Test": What Real Cleaning Looks Like

In the exterior maintenance industry, there is a big difference between a "blow-and-go" service and a true system restoration. B. A. Harris Seamless Gutter adheres to a strict protocol because we know that removing visible leaves is only half the job. The real problems are often hiding where you can't see them.

The most critical step in our process is the "flush test." After we manually remove the heavy debris from the troughs, we run water through the system. We are looking for flow rate. If the water backs up or drains slowly, we know there is a blockage in the downspout or the underground drain tile. When performing **Gutter Cleaning in Dedham**, we frequently find tennis balls, pine cones, and compacted mud plugging the goose-neck elbows of the downspouts. A leaf blower won't fix that; it requires disassembly or high-pressure snakes.

We also inspect the condition of the miters (corners). This is where the sealant lives, and it is the first place to fail. Cleaning the "muck" out of these corners allows us to inspect the caulk. If it's dried and cracking, we can re-seal it on the spot. Leaving that muck in place accelerates corrosion, leading to pinhole leaks that drip on your foundation.

Finally, we check the hanger integrity. The weight of wet debris often pulls the hidden hangers loose from the fascia. We take the time to re-seat these screws, ensuring the gutter is tight to the house. If the gutter is loose, water will run behind it, rendering the cleaning useless.

Real maintenance is about hydraulic function, not just aesthetics. Make sure your provider is checking the flow, not just the leaves.

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