



EL GATO Painting

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Our 21 Step
Prep® system ensures
proper application and
"A Job Well Done."



Painting the Bay Area
Since 1977

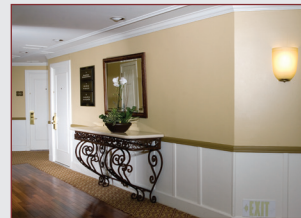
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Tenant Improvement



HOA & Apartments



Commercial



Industrial



What Makes El Gato So Different?

Our Satisfied Customers and Success Explains Why.

To begin with: We've Got a Great Attitude!

We understand the value of good painting procedures. And it shows!

Our 21 Step Preparation Process is Second to None.

We have perfected our 21 Steps over the last 43 years.

On over 25,000 projects.

Best 6 Year Extended Warranty. Anywhere.

One of the most extended warranties in the business.

Updated Painters Training Program

Teaches our crews the best application techniques that keep our process consistent. On your job and every job we do.

"The El Gato Way"

Painting **"The El Gato Way"** makes your job last longer.

So you do not have to paint as often. This saves you time and money.

- ✓ 6-Year Unlimited Warranty
- ✓ 21 Step of Preparation - On every job.
- ✓ Over 43 years of Satisfied Customers
- ✓ Completion of over 25,000 painting projects
- ✓ Our own employees, no subs
- ✓ Different? Yes.



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"There's No Better Feeling Than a Job Well Done"

21 Steps of Preparation on Every Job.

1. **Power Washing** to remove ordinary dust, dirt, cobwebs, debris, etc., from under eaves and siding
2. **Check for and remove any minor mildew.** Most homes have a small amount of mildew. EL Gato will remove this mildew as a standard procedure. *However, homes that have excessive mildew will be subject to an additional charge.*
3. **Survey the entire job.** At this time, the foreman and crew will determine exactly what has to be done and how it will be done. Surveying and organizing at the beginning, assures El Gato can perform in the most efficient manner. Verify colors (if possible) with the customer.
4. **Remove or cover** items that are against or near the house. This includes cars, boats, lawn furniture, potted plants, etc.
5. **Perform minor pruning** of bushes or shrubs if needed. It is preferred that this step be taken care of by the owners. This way, the owners have it done to their satisfaction. If the owner is unable to do this, El Gato Painting will gladly perform this step, but it should be understood that some plants may have to be cut-back substantially to facilitate painting.
6. **Verify type of paint used previously** to determine the type of preparation and primers required for best adhesion. Sand and spot prime any surfaces requiring attention. If surfaces were previously painted with oil-type paint, a special primer may be required to bond the finish coat. *These oil-to-latex conversions will be subject to an extra charge.*
7. **Scrape gutters and downspouts** of loose paint and spot prime bare metal with the appropriate primer. Homes with galvanized metal gutters may have a small amount of peeling. Some homes may have quite a lot of peeling on this type of gutter and may have to be stripped to bare metal. *Gutters requiring stripping are subject to an extra charge.*
8. **Sand or mask gutters completely.** Many homes have baked enamel gutters. If no painting is required, then we mask them off. If these gutters are to be painted, El Gato Painting will sand and prime (at additional cost) before the new paint.
9. **Remove minor hooks and nails** from under eaves, fascia, or siding (not including roofing nails) and fill remaining holes. *Hook and nail removal will be done only at the request of the owner.*
10. **Scrape off all loose, peeling, chipping and flaking paint from fascia.** Fully sand, even where not peeling, and spot prime bare wood. *Fascia requiring stripping are subject to an extra charge.*
11. **All wood siding and eaves will be thoroughly sanded, where needed,** cleaned and spot primed prior to painting. *If the existing paint is peeling excessively and requires extra-ordinary scraping, sanding and priming there will be an additional charge.*
12. **All entrance doors** will be fully sanded, all holes will be filled and bare wood will be primed.
13. **All wood garage doors** will be fully sanded and bare wood spot primed. Many homes have baked enamel garage doors. If no painting is required, then we mask them off. If these doors are to be painted, El Gato Painting will sand and prime (at additional cost) before the new paint.
14. **If the stucco or foundation** is to be painted and goes below the dirt, the dirt will be trenched away several inches and any remaining dirt will be wire brushed off the stucco. This enables us to paint below the dirt line. This is especially helpful if there is going to be a color change.


21 Steps continued...

15. **Fill all significant cracks or holes** in the stucco with a suitable patching compound.
16. **Check for rust**, prepare and spot prime.
17. **Check for water damage or leakage and seal stains** if present, to prevent bleeding through finish coat of paint.
18. **Caulk cracks around casings, windows and doors.** Excessive caulking will be an extra charge.
19. **Mask all fixtures** or, if requested, remove and replace fixtures. This includes house numbers, lights, mailboxes etc.

NOTE: El Gato Painting and Restoration is not responsible for faulty electrical systems if fixtures are removed and replaced, or the replacement of flimsy house numbers that break when removed.
20. **Mask window opening, door openings, concrete, etc.** to avoid overspray and paint splatters.
21. **Cover plants** with cloth sheets.

Is there a Difference? You Bet There Is.

- ✓ 45 Years of Satisfied Customers? **Yes.**
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