

# Cleaning Tips

When cleaning all types of Decorative Concrete Masonry Units...

- **Always** specify a sample wall be to erected, cleaned and approved prior to construction. This is for your reference. This panel should not be destroyed until the project is complete and accepted by all parties.
- **Always** pre-wet the wall prior to applying any cleaning solution. It is impossible to over wet the wall.
- **Never** use job mixed muriatic acid.
- On a sample panel, clean starting with a weak solution of common laundry detergent, progressing to stronger products if necessary. Apply solution in wide, course, fan spray at 100psi or less. (This is especially important with burnished units because with higher pressure the cleaning agents could become trapped behind the highlight sealer and could change or damage the color and face of the units and mortar.)
- **Always** rinse the cleaned area immediately to remove detergents.
- **Never** apply cleaning solution to dry wall.
- **Never** let cleaning solution dry on wall.
- **Never** allow high-pressure application or rinsing of cleaning solution. It can **DRASTICALLY** affect the final appearance of the wall.
- Contact **AMCON Block and Precast, Inc. at 866-251-6030 or visit or website at [www.amconblock.com](http://www.amconblock.com)** for cleaning guidelines for all types of decorative CMU's.

TECHNICAL