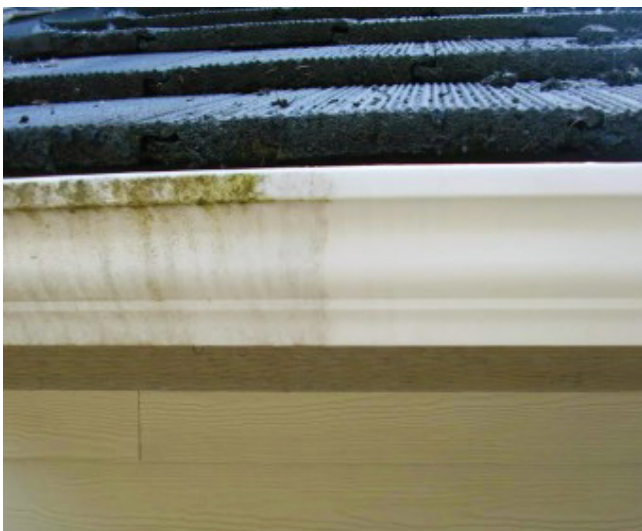


## Climatic Problems . . .

Climates vary considerably from one locality to the next. In some areas, mildew may be a problem. It appears as black spots on the surface dirt and is usually detected first on the undersides of the rain gutter.

For removal, prepare the solution below and apply as outlined above.

- 1/3 cup detergent (e.g. *Tide*®)
- 2/3 cup trisodium phosphate (e.g. *Savogran*™)
- 1 quart 5% sodium hypochlorate solution (e.g. *Clorox*® bleach)
- 3 quarts water



Before & After Cleaning

THE **SENOX**®  
**ADVANTAGE**

### **If Tiger Striping is Inevitable,** **Why Choose Senox?**

Research and Development: Senox invests heavily in research and development to continuously improve our gutter materials, ensuring they remain at the forefront of durability and ease of maintenance.

Expert Guidance: Although we don't perform installations, Senox does provide detailed installation guidelines and maintenance advice to help ensure gutters are set up and cared for correctly, minimizing issues like tiger striping.

Customer Support: Our dedicated customer support team is always available to provide advice and solutions for any gutter-related issues, ensuring you get the most out of our products.

**Ask your Customer Rep  
for more information!**

**SENOX**®

[www.senox.com](http://www.senox.com)

**Gutters. That's all we do™**

Copyright © 2024 Senox Corporation

**SENOX**®

**WHAT IS  
TIGER  
STRIPING?**

**AND HOW DO YOU  
TAKE CARE OF IT?**



## Tiger Striping:

### What is it and What Causes It?

Tiger striping on gutters refers to the dark, vertical streaks or lines that appear on the outer surface of gutters. These streaks resemble the stripes of a tiger, hence the name. Dirt, pollen, and pollutants are attracted to the droplets of dew that form on the lip of rain gutters. When the droplets are big enough they roll over the front of the gutter in streams. These streams deposit the grime and form streaks on your gutters better known as Tiger Striping.

Tiger Striping is a natural process that can happen to a variety of surfaces such as rain gutters, cars, metal roofs, and even the siding of your home. *It is not a failure of the paint or gutter system, and it does not breach your Senox® paint warranty.*



### How to Prevent It

All metal surfaces with baked on paint require cleaning from time to time, and your gutters are no exception.

Generally, you should clean your rain gutters at least once a year. This may vary based on where you live and you may have to clean them more often, especially if you live in an area with high humidity or industrial activity.



**IMPORTANT:** do not use a cleaner with abrasive particles, ammonia, solvents or paint thinners as these can damage the paint finish. Several gutter cleaners are available on the market, but any nonabrasive household detergent will do.

### How to Get Rid of It

For surface soil and stains, such as those resulting from industrial fallout, tree sap, insecticides, or chimney fumes, use ordinary nonabrasive household detergent.

The solution should be applied to the soiled surface by means of a soft rag, sponge or soft bristle brush with a gentle rubbing action. Do not rub vigorously so as to create glossy areas over the satin finish. Soft bristle brushes equipped with long extension handles may be used to reach some of the higher areas.

It is important that immediately following all washing operations, the entire surface be thoroughly rinsed with fresh water from a garden hose.

### **Stubborn Stains . . .**

If stubborn stains are encountered, use a heavy-duty cleaner such as "Fantastik." Heavy soil deposits may not be removable in one application and may require repeated cleaning over some length of time. Do not use cleaners containing abrasive particles, ammonia, solvents or paint removers for cleaning. These materials may soften or remove the finish.