

Today's topic:

**Efflorescence: What's that white stuff on my block walls and how do I get rid of it?**

**What is Efflorescence?**

- **Efflorescence is the white residue left on the surface of masonry products. We see this in the Valley mostly on our block walls.**
- **The masonry material gets wet through rain or irrigation, dries out through evaporation, and leaves a crystalline substance on the surface. This substance is the white residue you see on the wall.**
- **The efflorescence itself won't damage the surface. What can damage the surface is the water being drawn through the material by evaporation. Over time this process can cause damage to your wall.**
- **One way to prevent or minimize efflorescence is by keeping your irrigation from constantly getting the block wall wet.**
- **Here are three ways to clean the efflorescence off your wall.**
  1. **Use a hose with a high-pressure nozzle.**
  2. **Apply a 50/50 solution of vinegar and water with a stiff brush.**
  3. **Use an acidic efflorescence cleaner found at your local home improvement store.**

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