


# Gutter Care

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- Are there trees close to house to cause debris in the gutters?
  - Put up a ladder and check gutters for debris. Take pictures!
  - Inform homeowner that this is also a major haven for bugs and cause fascia rot
  - Is the gutter 5" or 6"? Use your samples to measure
  - We can not install on 4" gutters
  - Take note of any damaged gutters. Take pictures!

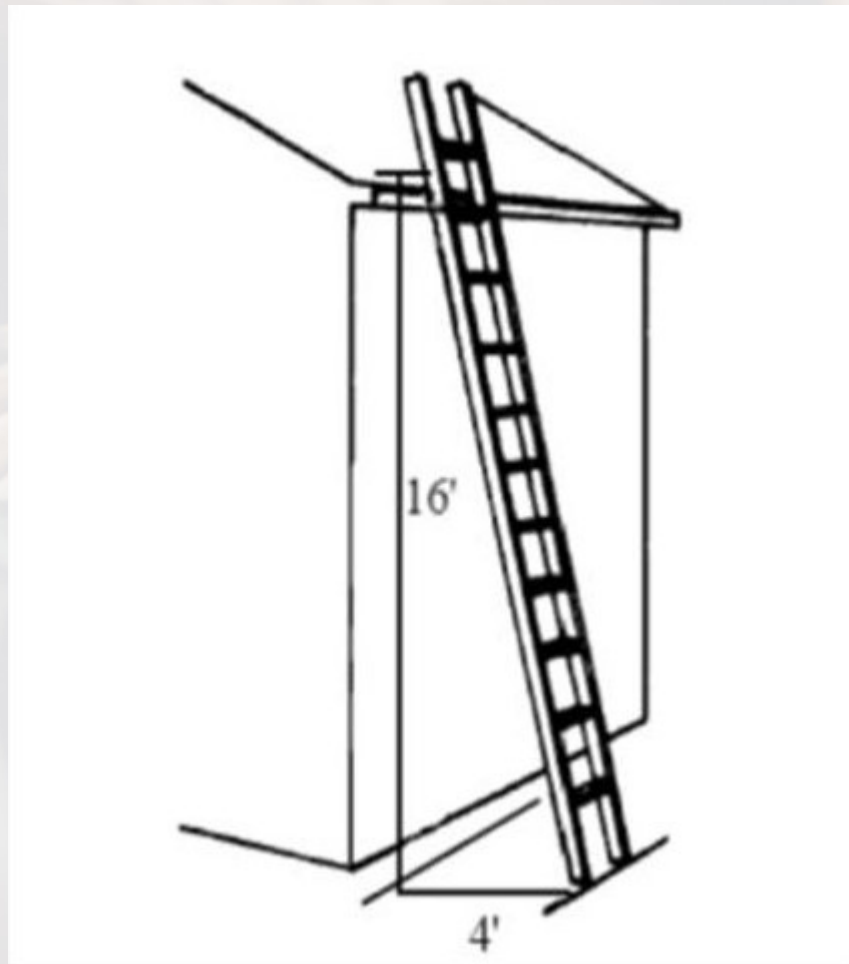




# Ladder Angle

The ladder should be placed according to the Four-to-One Rule:

*For every 4 feet of rise, the base of the ladder should be 1 foot away from the object the ladder is leaning against.*





Ladder Height	Maximum Work Height
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16ft	13ft
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24ft	21ft
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32ft	29ft
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40ft	36ft
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48ft	42ft
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Always look for trees blocking the access to the gutterline as well as checking where the ladder would be placed on ground.

Slopes and hills can cause more difficulty accessing as well as needing a much taller ladder

Pergolas and canopies can be a major obstructions not to overlook.





We can set up ladders on pergolas if they are well constructed.  
We need to know in advance to bring extra materials



Some rooflines may also require extra tools, labor and time to access



The wedge is sometimes required when another gutterline above a roof needs to be accessed



Sometimes building a "chicken Walk" is required on the roofs





Many times diverters are needed in high flow areas such as extra top gutters or large roof valleys



We may also need to reroute gutters into the lower gutters to catch high flow of water





















