

# GUTTER GUARDS

## Do They Really Help

Gutter guards will not solve the problem of you never having to clear your gutters of debris accumulation. The guards will initially hold back larger debris like leaves but over time smaller debris will fall through the guard and start to decompose. Any seedlings carried by the wind or dropped by birds may fall through and start to grow behind and through the guard. As the plant material establishes it will start to block the flow of rainwater and add weight to the gutters which in turn could shorten component life.

When it comes to clearing the gutters you will need to remove the guards in order to get behind them to clean thoroughly. Making for time consuming home maintenance and an increase risk of an accident if you are using a ladder.

The picture below illustrates what can happen.

