



# Care and Maintenance Guide

## Hardie™ Flex Sheet

With minimal maintenance you can keep your home like new. The following are the best practices for this product to improve its longevity and performance. The extent and nature of maintenance required will depend on the geographical location and exposure of the building.

As a guide, it is recommended that the basic normal maintenance tasks for Hardie™ Flex Sheet shall include, but not be limited to:

- Washing down exterior surfaces every 6-12 months using low pressure water and a brush, and every 3-4 months in extreme coastal conditions or sea spray zones. Do not use a water blaster to wash down the cladding. Refer to your paint manufacturer for washing down requirements
- Re-coating exterior protective finishes. Always refer to your paint manufacturer for re-coating requirements
- Regular inspection and repair if necessary of the cladding joints, sealants, fillers, flashings etc
- Cleaning out gutters, down pipes and overflow pipes as required
- Pruning back vegetation which is close to or touching the Hardie™ Flex Sheet
- Remove any snow or ice build up that is in direct contact with the cladding for extended periods
- The clearance between the bottom edge of the Hardie™ Flex Sheet and the finished/unfinished ground must always be maintained clearance is around concrete paths/drives etc 100mm minimum and natural ground/pebbles clearance is 175mm minimum

For further information refer to Section 2.2 of E2/AS1 and Section 2.2 of B2/AS1 of the NZBC.