

## Hardie™ Plank Weatherboard Care and Maintenance

The extent and nature of maintenance required will depend on the geographical location and exposure of the building. It is the responsibility of the Specifier to determine any site specific maintenance requirements to comply with the New Zealand Building Code.

As a guide, it is recommended that the basic normal maintenance tasks 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 recoating requirements
- Regular inspection and repair if necessary of the cladding joints, sealants, nail head fillers
- Cleaning out gutters, down pipes and overflow pipes as required
- Pruning back vegetation which is close to or touching the Hardie<sup>™</sup> Plank Weatherboard as well as ensuring the NZBC ground clearance requirements are maintained, especially where gardens are concerned
- The clearance between the bottom edge of the Hardie<sup>™</sup> Plank Weatherboard and the finished/unfinished ground must always be maintained.

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