



DURACOLOR Cleaning & Maintenance

Cleaning and maintaining the exterior of your home is an important part of sustaining the beauty and value of your home. The extent and nature of maintenance will depend on the geographic location and exposure of the building. As a guide, it is recommended that normal care and maintenance tasks shall include, but not be limited to:

- Washing down the exterior surfaces every 6 to 12 months with a garden hose or low pressure water sprayer to remove dirt and debris. **Cedar Siding, Inc. strongly recommends AGAINST the use of high-pressure water sprayers. Using these types of sprayers may weaken or damage the coating.**
- Clean with water using a soft brush or rag. For stubborn dirt or stains, a mild detergent may be used.
- For paint applied in the field, refer to your paint manufacturer for washing and maintenance requirements related to paint performance.
- Clean out your gutters, blocked pipes, and overflows as required.
- It is important to re-apply caulking when it has begun to show signs of wear. This can help keep moisture from getting into the wall cavity. These areas include but are not limited to penetrations, flashings, plank and trim connections, and in some cases, between plank joints.
- It is a good practice to keep vegetation such as shrubs, bushes, and small trees trimmed back and away from the home and siding. This will also help to ensure that sprinkler systems do not saturate areas near the building.
- Ensure required external ground clearances (typically 6") and drainage slopes are maintained. Do not in fill landscaping up to the siding.

Check Out These Links for Further Information

<https://lpcorp.com/blog/7-tips-for-care-maintenance-of-lp-smartside-siding>

<http://homebuilder.ppgpaints.com/ppgpaints/Painting-Tips.aspx#outdoor>