

## FACT SHEET

### **Guide to Home Maintenance: paintwork, doors, windows and surfaces.**

There's nothing better than moving into a brand new home and with a little on-going care you can keep it looking that way.

As part of our Guide to Home Maintenance this will explain how you can protect your paintwork, doors, windows, and other surfaces.

#### **Internal Paintwork Maintenance**

The paint used on the walls and ceilings inside is of high quality, but scuffs and marks can happen.

You can remove them with soapy water and cotton wool. Dabbing rather than rubbing or wiping is best, to avoid a shiny patch developing. Washable paint doesn't mean you can give it an overall wash.

#### **External Paintwork Maintenance**

Different to your internal paintwork, external paintwork should be washed down at least once a year with a hose and soft brush, or steam cleaner if water-restrictions are an issue.

Grime can cause pitting in the paintwork which leads to peeling. A little care now, avoids costly repainting long before it should be needed.

#### **Aluminium Sliding Doors and Windows Maintenance**

Most homes now feature aluminum sliding doors and windows and with some regular maintenance they stay looking good and performing perfectly for decades.

All they need is a regular clean and some lubrication to keep them sliding freely. Dry lubrication is recommended as oils attract the dust. You'll find what you need at your hardware or auto shop.

#### **Other Doors Maintenance**

And here's a good tip to fix a squeaking door, rub the knuckle of the hinge with a soft lead pencil or lubricate with graphite. Again oil isn't recommended because of the dust factor.

#### **Garage Door Maintenance**

Garage doors need very little maintenance. Follow the manufacturer's recommendations when it comes to cleaning.

#### **Other Surfaces**

Cedar will need to be re-stained and re-sealed every so often and surfaces such as painted metal and colorbond just need a wash down.

Tracks should be cleaned out regularly, ideally with turps.

Hinges and rollers should be lubricated, again as per the manufacturer's instructions.

Usually roller doors that have a nylon tape edging strip shouldn't be lubricated, simply wipe the track and apply talc. Whether you have a panel lift or roller door, leave any adjustments to the experts.

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