



## Weatherboard maintenance guide

Protecting your home for a long lasting and beautiful finish

**Thank you for choosing James Hardie weatherboard for your home.**

In order to maintain the beauty of your facade, it's important to remember:

### **Prevention over cure**

Prevent damage to your facade by assessing the area around your house and deciding how frequently it needs to be maintained.

### **Fast action**

If the facade is damaged by a storm or fire etc. ensure to make any repairs immediately to limit the damage to the rest of the installation.

### **Planned replacements**

Replace planks in areas of extreme wear (eg: windows and doors etc.) to increase the life of the installation.

These three considerations are connected so that if you exercise due diligence, the requirement for expensive replacements will be significantly reduced.



# Maintenance of the facade

## Cleaning

Our fibre cement products are very low maintenance. To ensure long lasting beauty, follow these simple steps:



- 1 Remove plants that are in contact with the facade - crop bushes and trees, remove weeds, etc.



- 2 Brush the facade's ventilation profiles free of debris to ensure that they are not obstructed by dust or dirt. Pay special attention to areas around the windows and doors.



- 3 Replace any loose boards.



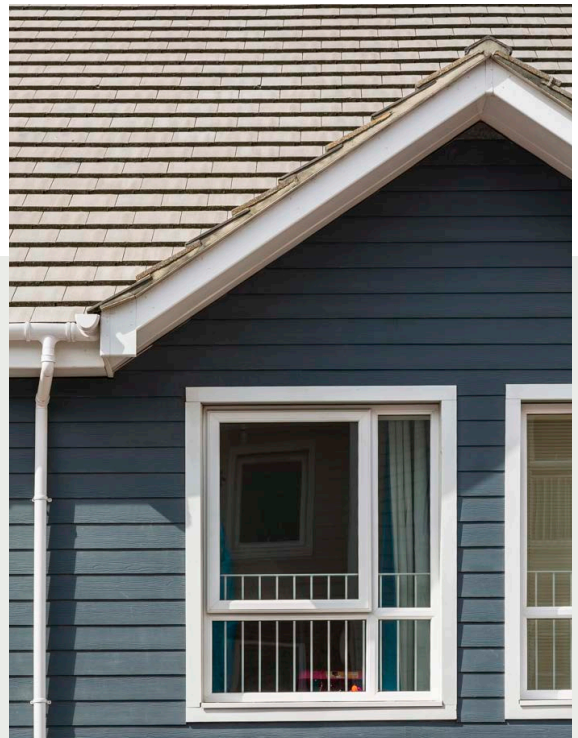
- 4 Prior to installation, paint the unpainted edges (the ones that abut upon being installed) with our ColourPlus™ Edge Coating paint. Touch up repainting (i.e. to cover chips or scratches) should be limited to a maximum of 6-8 mm diameter painted areas. PLEASE NOTE, IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT ONLY THE UNPAINTED EDGES OF PLANKS (THOSE THAT ABUT AFTER INSTALLATION) ARE PAINTED. THE FRONT FACING EDGES OF PLANKS SHOULD NOT BE TOUCHED.



- 5 **Clean gutters** and make sure that the drainage pipes are working correctly.



- 6 **Wash the facade** with warm, soapy water using a soft brush or sponge and rinse with cold water. Work on one area at a time and start from the top of the installation, moving downwards. Dirt, dust and leaves should be removed to avoid an accumulation on the product's surface. We recommend testing the cleaning process in a small, hidden area first - let the surface dry and evaluate the results before starting on larger surfaces.



If moss and algae have accumulated, clean the surface using an MILD cleaner (such as diluted washing up liquid). Follow the manufacturer's instructions and always rinse with plenty of water.



High pressure cleaners must be avoided as excessive water pressure may damage the product's painted surface.



If the facade is in direct sunlight, do not clean the boards as frequently.

Warranty - 10 years