



CARE GUIDE

Your Exterior Care & Maintenance Guide

How to protect your new paint job, from the first 30 days to years down the road

The First 30 Days

Exterior paint keeps curing and hardening for weeks after it goes on, and it's exposed to sun, water, and equipment right away. A little extra care during this window protects the investment you just made.



Curing in the Elements

Exterior paint can take up to 30 days to fully cure – avoid pressure washing or heavy contact with siding during this window.



Watch the Weather

Extreme heat, cold snaps, or heavy rain shortly after painting can affect how the finish cures – this settles out over time.



Redirect Sprinklers

Adjust irrigation heads so they don't spray directly on freshly painted siding or trim – repeated water contact slows curing.



Go Easy on Ladders & Equipment

Avoid leaning ladders, hoses, or equipment against freshly painted surfaces until the finish is fully cured.



Let Landscaping Grow Back Gradually

Keep trimmed bushes and vines from touching the house again too soon while the new coat cures.



Check Caulk Lines

New caulk around trim and joints should stay flexible – avoid pressing or disturbing it for the first few weeks.

A Simple Rule of Thumb

Give the exterior the same patience you'd give a new deck stain – avoid direct water contact, heavy equipment, and disturbing trim or caulk lines for the first month, and the finish will hold up as intended.



Ongoing Care by Area

Siding	A gentle hose rinse once or twice a year removes dust and pollen; save pressure washing for every few years, at low PSI.
Trim & Fascia	Check yearly for peeling or cracking, especially near rooflines and gutters where runoff concentrates.
Front Door	Wipe down periodically – it takes the most direct sun and handling, so expect to refresh it sooner than the rest of the house.
Caulk & Seals	Inspect annually around windows, doors, and trim; recaulk as soon as gaps appear to keep moisture out.

- Avoid pressure washing at close range or high PSI – it can strip paint prematurely.
- Trim landscaping back regularly so leaves and branches don't trap moisture against the house.
- Keep gutters clear so overflow doesn't run down and streak the siding.

Normal Wear vs. When to Call Us

Gradual fading over years	Normal – expected, especially on sun-facing walls.
Light dirt or pollen buildup	Normal – a rinse usually handles it.
Peeling, bubbling, or cracking	Call us – often signals moisture behind the surface.
Wood rot or soft trim spots	Call us – needs repair before repainting.
Caulk pulling from joints	Recaulk promptly or call us – gaps let moisture in.

Touch-Ups & Repaint Timing

- Keep a record of exact paint colors, sheens, and brands for future touch-ups.
- Match touch-up timing to the weather, just like the original job – avoid extreme heat or rain.
- Re-caulk before you repaint, not after – fresh caulk needs paint to look finished.

NOTICE SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T LOOK RIGHT?

We Stand Behind Our Work

Reach out any time about touch-ups or warranty questions on a past exterior project.

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