



CARE GUIDE

Your Interior Care & Maintenance Guide

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

The First 30 Days

Paint feels dry to the touch within hours, but it keeps curing and hardening for weeks after application. A little extra care during this window helps the finish set up properly and last as long as it should.



Curing Takes Time

Paint feels dry within hours but can take up to 30 days to fully cure. Handle walls gently during this window.



Hold Off on Washing

Avoid wiping down or washing newly painted walls for at least two weeks – light dusting is fine, but skip soap and water.



Rehang Décor Carefully

Wait about a week before rehanging art or shelving, and use a picture-hanging hook rather than pressing directly into fresh paint.



Ease Furniture Back In

Give walls a few days before pushing furniture back against them, and add felt pads to protect the finish long-term.



Keep the Room Ventilated

Continue running fans or cracking a window for several days to help paint cure evenly and clear any lingering odor.



Watch Doors & Windows

Freshly painted doors and windows can stick if closed too soon – prop them open slightly until fully cured.

A Simple Rule of Thumb

When in doubt, wait it out. Nearly every early-care mistake – washing too soon, hanging something too heavy, closing a door too tight – comes from rushing the cure. Give it the full 30 days and the finish will reward you for years.



Cleaning by Sheen

Flat / Matte	Dust or dry-sponge only – avoid scrubbing, which can burnish or remove the finish.
Eggshell / Satin	A soft cloth with mild soap and water handles most marks without damaging the sheen.
Semi-Gloss (Trim/Cabinets)	Wipes clean easily – safe for a slightly firmer scrub on stubborn marks.
High-Traffic Walls	Spot clean promptly – the longer a mark sits, the harder it is to remove without a touch-up.

- Test any cleaner on a hidden spot first, especially on colored or dark walls.
- Avoid magic erasers on flat or matte paint – the mild abrasion can dull the sheen and leave a noticeable patch.
- Keep a labeled sample of leftover paint – color, sheen, room, and date – for future touch-ups.

Normal Wear vs. When to Call Us

Minor scuffs or nail holes	Normal – an easy touch-up handles it.
Slight fading over years	Normal – happens gradually with sun exposure.
Peeling or bubbling paint	Call us – often signals a moisture or adhesion issue.
Cracking or alligating	Call us – may point to a surface prep issue underneath.
Stains bleeding through	Call us – may need a stain-blocking primer to resolve.

Doing Your Own Touch-Ups

- Use the same tool type – brush or roller – as the original application for a consistent texture.
- Feather the edges of touch-up paint outward so it blends into the surrounding wall.
- Touch up in good daylight so you can accurately judge the color match.

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 project.

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