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Thank you for using EZYCOAT to coat the exterior of your home. To assist with maximising the lifespan and optimum appearance of your external coating, we recommend following the steps outlined in this care and maintenance guide.

How to maximise the lifespan of exterior coatings?

Routine annual cleaning is essential to maintaining the coatings' aesthetic appeal and helps to safeguard the EZYCOAT system.

How frequently should the exterior coating be cleaned?

It is recommended to clean the exterior coating at least once a year. For coastal areas, it is recommended to clean the surfaces more frequently. Coastal exposure will develop a build-up of salt residue which may cause changes to the coatings' appearance.

Why is it recommended to clean?

Cleaning helps to remove dirt build-up, grime, and airborne contaminants which can encourage mould and algae growth.

How to clean coating

1. Use a low-pressure water blast (less than 450 psi) with a fanjet of cold water at a 45-degree angle from the wall (not perpendicular). To avoid damaging the exterior coating, ensure that the water blast is at least 30 cm away from the surface.
2. For stubborn stains, it is recommended to use warm water, a mild detergent solution, and a gentle brush.

DO NOT use a high-pressure water blaster as this may damage the coating.

Steps for conducting a routine exterior inspection:

1. Control joints should be inspected regularly to ensure sealants are not cracked to prevent water infiltration. Whenever different substrates come together, a sealant is usually present (e.g. above door openings and windows, pipes, and wall attachments). If cracking is visible, it is recommended the sealant in the affected area/s be replaced immediately with a paintable polyurethane sealant.

2. Places that are frequently exposed to the weather should be carefully watched (e.g. balconies and handrail tops). Flat or lightly sloped areas are likely to accumulate dirt and grime, causing mould growth if left untreated. These building sections should also be checked for any rusting and movement cracking normally associated with thermal movement, should damage be found it is critical that remediation occur as soon as possible.
3. Monitor cold, dark, or shaded areas around the house (e.g. behind heavy foliage), as these areas are ideal for growing mould and algae. If the areas are not regularly checked and cleaned, the growth of mould and algae may cause the coating system to deteriorate and change in appearance.

What to do if the coating becomes damaged?

1. If the coating has been damaged, it will need to be recoated from edge to edge to remedy any damage. This will ensure that the texture and colour are uniform throughout the restored area.
2. If there is visible cracking in the coating, this could be a sign of a structural issue underneath the coating. This should always be examined by a professional. If this occurs, please contact a local applicator or call EZYCOAT Customer Service at 1300 566 592 for further advice.
3. Cracks can be temporarily filled with a polyurethane paintable sealant, to protect the coating until an inspection and permanent repairs can be carried out.

How to maintain the coatings' optimal appearance for longer

Recoating is advised every 7 to 10 years, to restore the surface's appearance. It is recommended to use a tinted EZYCOAT protective topcoat membrane. This will help protect the coating from air pollution, water intrusion, and grime build-up while giving the coating a fresh new look.

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