

The IQCLAD Cladding System requires minimal regular care and maintenance. Though minimal, this should be carried out at least annually to ensure the long-term performance and appearance of the system. If your building is located in close proximity to the coast or in a corrosive atmosphere, the frequency of care and maintenance should be increased.

### **Wash the cladding**

- › At least once a year wash down the cladding with water. Do not use a water blaster. Pay special attention to areas that do not get regular rain washing.
- › Use a fine bristle brush or sponge.
- › Use a mild detergent to remove remaining dirt. Do not use harsh chemicals or anything abrasive.
- › Non-water-soluble dirt such as tar, oil, or paint may need to be removed with a solvent applied with a soft cotton cloth. Do not use acetone or paint removers.

### **Inspect the cladding**

- › At least once a year, check the cladding to ensure there are no dents, scratches, or other damage. Check that weatherboards are aligned; secure; and that the corner, joint junction, and widow flashings have not moved from their internal interlocking component.
- › Make repairs as necessary. If repairs require specialist skills or weatherboard replacement, contact IQCLAD for advice ([www.iqclad.nz](http://www.iqclad.nz)).

For more information on maintaining an external cladding, go to <http://www.maintainingmyhome.org.nz/maintenance-guides/external-wall-maintenance-guide/>.