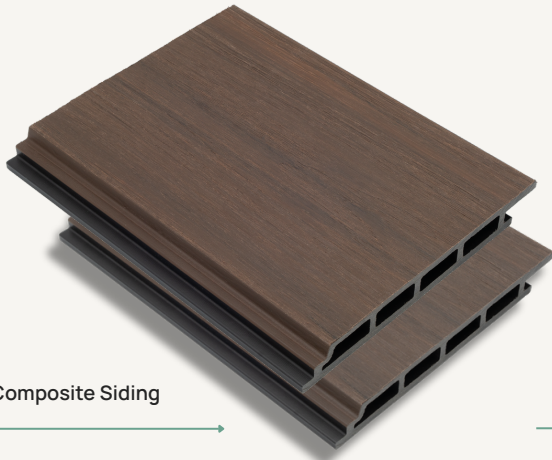
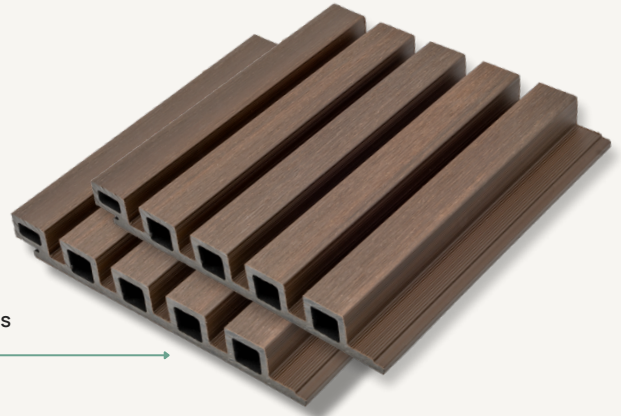




CLADMART
Premium Cladding Supplies



Flat Composite Siding



Fluted Panels



**Routine
Cleaning**



**Surface
Care**



**Periodic
Inspection**



**Long-Term
Protection**

CARE & MAINTENANCE GUIDE

CladMart Care & Maintenance Guide

Flat Composite Siding & Fluted Panels

General guidance for routine cleaning, periodic inspection, surface care, and long-term protection.

Simple care for lasting appearance.



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Protect the Finish With Simple, Regular Care.

Begin with gentle cleaning and inspect the cladding periodically.

CladMart composite siding is designed to provide the natural appearance of wood with reduced routine maintenance. Periodic cleaning and visual inspection help preserve the finished surface, profile alignment, trims, joints, and surrounding edge conditions.

01 What Routine Care Includes

Routine care helps keep the cladding clean, visible, and easier to review over time.

- ✓ Remove loose dirt and debris
- ✓ Clean visible surface buildup
- ✓ Inspect joints and trims
- ✓ Keep drainage paths clear
- ✓ Address visible damage promptly

02 Begin With the Gentlest Method

Start with clean water, mild soap, and a soft cloth, sponge, or soft-bristle brush. Use only as much cleaning action as needed to remove visible buildup.

Test unfamiliar cleaning products in a small, inconspicuous area before broader use.

03 Clean Based on Exposure

Cleaning needs vary by location, environmental exposure, and visible surface conditions.

- ✓ Dust and airborne dirt
- ✓ Salt or pollution exposure
- ✓ Pollen and landscaping debris
- ✓ High-traffic areas
- ✓ Construction residue

04 Review Before Using Stronger Methods

Building conditions, installation details, and surface exposure vary. Before using specialty cleaners or mechanical washing, confirm that the method is suitable for the product and project condition.

- ✓ Start with mild cleaning
- ✓ Test in an inconspicuous area
- ✓ Watch for finish changes
- ✓ Stop if the surface reacts
- ✓ Contact CladMart when uncertain



GENERAL CARE NOTE

Always begin with the least aggressive cleaning method. Stop if you notice a change in colour, gloss, texture, or surface condition. Contact CladMart before using specialized cleaners, pressure-washing equipment, repair coatings, or alteration methods.

Remove Dirt Gently. Rinse Thoroughly.

Use soft, non-abrasive materials to clean finished surfaces.

Routine cleaning helps remove dust, dirt, pollen, and other visible surface buildup. Begin with the mildest suitable method and avoid unnecessary scrubbing or harsh cleaning products.

01 Remove Loose Debris

Begin by removing loose dust, dirt, leaves, and other surface debris before applying water or cleaning solution.

- ✓ Use a soft brush or microfiber cloth
- ✓ Work gently across the surface
- ✓ Clear debris from joints and trims
- ✓ Avoid scraping with hard tools
- ✓ Remove buildup before it becomes difficult to clean

02 Rinse With Clean Water

Rinse the surface with clean water to loosen remaining dirt and prepare the cladding for washing.

- ✓ Use a gentle flow of water
- ✓ Rinse from the upper area downward
- ✓ Avoid forcing water into joints
- ✓ Do not spray behind trims
- ✓ Allow loose dirt to drain away

03 Wash With Mild Soap

Apply a mild soap solution using a soft cloth, sponge, or soft-bristle brush. Clean only as much as needed to remove visible buildup.

- ✓ Use clean water and mild soap
- ✓ Work in manageable sections
- ✓ Apply light, even pressure
- ✓ Do not use abrasive pads
- ✓ Do not allow soap to dry on the surface

Test unfamiliar products in an inconspicuous area before broader use.

04 Rinse Thoroughly and Allow to Dry

Rinse thoroughly with clean water after washing. Remove remaining soap and allow the surface to dry naturally.

- ✓ Remove all soap residue
- ✓ Check joints and trims
- ✓ Review the surface for remaining marks
- ✓ Repeat mild cleaning if needed
- ✓ Stop if the finish changes



ROUTINE CLEANING NOTE

Use only soft, clean materials and the least aggressive method needed. Do not use steel wool, wire brushes, abrasive pads, harsh solvents, acid-based cleaners, heat, or steam-cleaning equipment.

Treat Marks Early. Avoid Harsh Chemistry.

Use the least aggressive method that removes the mark without changing the finish.

Surface marks are generally easier to address when treated promptly. Begin with clean water, mild soap, and soft cleaning materials. Avoid scraping, aggressive scrubbing, or unapproved chemicals.

01 Dirt, Dust & Mud

Remove loose material first, then clean the area gently with clean water and mild soap.

- ✓ Brush away loose dirt
- ✓ Rinse with clean water
- ✓ Use mild soap if needed
- ✓ Apply light pressure
- ✓ Rinse thoroughly afterward

02 Organic Buildup

Bird droppings, pollen, food residue, and landscaping debris should be softened with water before gentle cleaning.

- ✓ Wet the affected area first
- ✓ Allow buildup to soften
- ✓ Wipe with a soft cloth or sponge
- ✓ Repeat mild cleaning if needed
- ✓ Do not scrape with hard tools

03 Construction Residue

Remove construction dust, packaging residue, and surface contamination as soon as practical. Do not allow cementitious or adhesive residue to remain on the finish.

- ✓ Remove loose residue promptly
- ✓ Do not scrape with metal tools
- ✓ Do not use unknown solvents
- ✓ Test unfamiliar cleaners first
- ✓ Stop if the finish begins to change

Protect the siding during nearby cutting, masonry, painting, and sealing work.

04 Stop and Review

Stop cleaning if the surface begins to change. Do not continue with the same cleaning method or move to a stronger product. Allow the area to dry, then reassess the condition before attempting further cleaning.

- WATCH FOR**
- ✓ Colour change
 - ✓ Gloss change
 - ✓ Texture change
 - ✓ Surface softening
 - ✓ Finish transfer to the cloth

If the change remains visible after drying, do not continue with the same method or switch to a stronger cleaner.



STAIN-REMOVAL NOTE

Do not use bleach, acetone, paint thinner, strong solvents, acid-based cleaners, abrasive compounds, or unknown stain removers unless specifically approved by CladMart. Always test unfamiliar products in an inconspicuous area first.

Use Water Pressure With Restraint.

Pressure washing is not the preferred routine cleaning method.

Mechanical washing may be considered when mild cleaning is not sufficient. Use the least aggressive setting that removes visible buildup, maintain a safe working distance, and avoid forcing water into joints, trims, or behind the cladding.

01 Try Mild Cleaning First

Begin with the routine cleaning method before considering pressure washing or other mechanical equipment.

- ✓ Remove loose debris first
- ✓ Rinse with clean water
- ✓ Wash with mild soap
- ✓ Repeat gentle cleaning if needed
- ✓ Allow the surface to dry before reassessing

02 Use the Lowest Effective Pressure

If pressure washing is necessary, begin at the lowest effective setting and use only as much pressure as needed to remove visible buildup.

- ✓ Maintain a safe working distance
 - ✓ Use a broad, controlled spray
 - ✓ Keep the nozzle moving
 - ✓ Test a small area first
 - ✓ Stop if the finish begins to change
- Do not begin at close range or with a concentrated spray.

03 Protect Joints, Trims & Edges

Direct water across the finished surface without forcing it into open joints, trims, edges, or behind the cladding.

- ✓ Avoid spraying directly into joints
- ✓ Do not spray behind trims
- ✓ Protect open edges and terminations
- ✓ Avoid prolonged spraying in one area
- ✓ Work from the upper area downward

04 Avoid Aggressive Equipment

Aggressive nozzles, heat, and concentrated spray may damage the finish or force water behind the siding system.

- × Turbo or rotary nozzles
- × Steam-cleaning equipment
- × Heat-assisted cleaning
- × Concentrated point spray
- × Repeated close-range passes

■ Stop immediately if the surface changes in colour, gloss, texture, or condition.



PRESSURE-WASHING NOTE

Always test the cleaning method in a small, inconspicuous area before broader use. Do not use pressure washing to force water into joints, trims, open edges, drainage paths, or behind the cladding.

Review the System, Not Only the Surface.

Check the cladding, trims, joints, edges, and surrounding conditions.

Periodic inspection helps identify visible concerns before they become more difficult to address. Review the finished surface together with joints, trims, terminations, drainage paths, and adjacent building conditions.

01 Inspect the Cladding

Review the installed boards or panels from several viewing positions and note any visible change in alignment, engagement, or surface condition.

- ✓ Visible impact damage
- ✓ Loose or displaced profiles
- ✓ Open or irregular joints
- ✓ Surface wear or discolouration
- ✓ Trapped dirt or debris

02 Inspect Trims and Edges

Check perimeter trims, corners, openings, and termination points for visible movement, damage, or incomplete engagement.

- ✓ Loose or damaged trim
- ✓ Open edge condition
- ✓ Misaligned corner or termination
- ✓ Visible fastener concern
- ✓ Unfinished or damaged edge

03 Keep Drainage and Ventilation Clear

Keep lower edges, drainage openings, and ventilation paths free from accumulated debris or other material that may restrict drainage or drying.

- ✓ Clear lower edges
- ✓ Remove trapped debris
- ✓ Keep cavity openings unobstructed
- ✓ Review soffit and upper conditions
- ✓ Maintain project-specified drainage paths

Do not seal or block intentional drainage or ventilation openings.

04 Review Adjacent Conditions

Conditions around the cladding can affect drainage, drying, access, and long-term appearance.

- ✓ Windows and doors
- ✓ Sealant condition where applicable
- ✓ Nearby landscaping
- ✓ Soil or mulch contact
- ✓ Snow, ice, or standing water
- ✓ Building-mounted items and penetrations



INSPECTION NOTE

Address loose components, open joints, impact damage, blocked drainage paths, or other visible concerns promptly. Maintain the project's specified clearances and surrounding conditions.

Prevent Damage Before It Becomes a Repair.

Avoid actions that may affect the finish, profile, fastening system, or long-term performance.

CladMart composite siding is designed for long-term exterior use, but the finished surface and concealed fastening system can still be damaged by impact, heat, harsh chemicals, or unauthorized alteration. Use care around the cladding during maintenance, landscaping, and nearby construction work.

01 Do Not Alter the Finish

Do not apply paint, stain, sealers, coatings, or other surface treatments unless specifically approved by CladMart.

- × Paint or stain
- × Clear sealers
- × Wax or polish
- × Unknown coatings
- × Colour-restoration products

Unapproved coatings may change the colour, gloss, texture, or weathering behaviour of the finish.

02 Avoid Heat and Impact

Protect the cladding from concentrated heat, open flame, sharp objects, and heavy impact.

- × Open flame
- × Heat guns
- × Hot equipment placed against the surface
- × Sharp metal tools
- × Dragging ladders or materials
- × Repeated impact

03 Do Not Modify the Installation

Do not drill, face-fasten, remove trims, or alter installed components unless the method has been reviewed and approved for the project condition.

- × Screws through visible faces
- × Unapproved penetrations
- × Removal of clips or trims
- × Hanging heavy objects from the cladding
- × Cutting installed profiles without approval

Building-mounted items should be supported by the wall assembly, not by the cladding alone.

04 Keep the Surface and Edges Clear

Do not allow debris, soil, chemicals, or standing water to remain in prolonged contact with the cladding.

- × Construction debris
- × Cement or mortar residue
- × Soil or mulch contact
- × Standing water
- × Chemical overspray
- × Prolonged snow or ice buildup



PROTECTION NOTE

Impact, heat, harsh chemical exposure, unapproved coatings, or unauthorized alterations may affect the product's appearance, performance, or warranty eligibility. Refer to the current CladMart Warranty for complete terms.

Record the Care. Know Where to Get Help.

Keep simple maintenance records and refer to current CladMart documents when questions arise.

Basic maintenance records can help track cleaning, inspections, visible concerns, and corrective work over time. Keep notes, photographs, and product information with the project documents for future reference.

01 Keep a Maintenance Record

Record routine care and inspection activity so that changes can be reviewed over time.

- ✓ Date of inspection or cleaning
- ✓ Area or elevation reviewed
- ✓ Cleaning method used
- ✓ Products or materials used
- ✓ Visible concerns noted
- ✓ Corrective action taken

Keep records with project invoices, product details, and installation documents.

02 Photograph Visible Concerns

Clear photographs can help document the condition and show whether a concern changes over time.

- ✓ Overall wall view
- ✓ Close-up of the affected area
- ✓ Joint, trim, or edge condition
- ✓ Nearby environmental conditions
- ✓ Date and project location

03 Refer to Related Documents

Use the current CladMart document that matches the question or project stage.

Product Catalogue

Product range, finishes, applications, and system overview

Installation Guide

Wall preparation, trims, clips, cutting, and installation sequence

Product Specifications

Dimensions, coverage, compatible components, and planning details

Warranty

Coverage, limitations, exclusions, and claim requirements

04 Contact CladMart

Contact CladMart for product guidance, document support, or questions about visible conditions and care methods.

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Have the product name, project location, photographs, and proof of purchase available when requesting support.



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