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Once installed OEL™ lumber does not require any special care and maintenance. But its long-term performance relies on the continued performance of the building's cladding system and internal linings in wet areas.

As a result, these areas should be inspected on a regular basis. For more detailed information on maintaining the external envelope and internal lining refer to the relevant manufacturer's information or visit

[www.maintainingmyhome.org.nz](http://www.maintainingmyhome.org.nz).

#### A QUICK SUMMARY: MAINTAINING THE EXTERNAL ENVELOPE

Complete a regular inspection of the building's exterior cladding. This should be done at least every 12 months.

The inspection should include (but is not limited to) the following areas:

- › Window flashings
- › Penetration cowlings and sealant
- › Ground levels (vegetation and gardens)
- › Roofing and gutters
- › Sub-floor ventilation
- › Paint coatings

By regularly washing the cladding, you will also be able to identify any areas that might be worn or damaged.

If you do find damage to cladding, and you are not an experienced DIYer get the advice of a licensed building professional before you start any repairs.

#### MAINTAINING THE INTERNAL LININGS

Complete a regular inspection of your building's internal linings and protective coatings.

The inspection should include (but is not limited to) the following areas:

- › Floor and wall ceramic tiles
- › Grout and sealant around plumbing fixtures
- › Vinyl coverings
- › Visible plumbing waste and supply pipe work
- › Shower linings, shower door assembly and acrylic shower bases
- › Impervious paint and membrane coatings

If you do find any water damage, make sure you allow the area to dry out thoroughly before you start any repairs.

And if you aren't confident about completing the repairs yourself, we recommend you employ a building professional to do the work for you.

### USEFUL LINKS

For further information on OEL™ Lumber

visit [www.woodeng.co.nz](http://www.woodeng.co.nz)

