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HOME PAINTING MAINTENANCE GUIDE



WHY MAINTENANCE MATTERS

Painting your home is more than a quick refresh – it's an investment in how your rooms feel and how long they'll stay looking good. With the right care, walls, ceilings, trims, and woodwork can stay vibrant for five to ten years. Without it, even the best paints will eventually fade, chip, or stain. That's why good maintenance makes all the difference.



DAY-TO-DAY CARE

- Keeping painted surfaces in good shape doesn't require much – just a steady routine. A light dusting with a microfiber cloth once a week keeps marks from building up. When the odd splash or fingerprint shows up, a little warm soapy water does the trick – wipe gently, dry it off, and you're done. Harsh scrubbing or bleach will do more harm than good. The same goes for moisture: bathrooms and kitchens benefit from an open window or a fan so dampness doesn't settle into the paint. And if you've got chairs or tables against walls, a few felt pads go a long way in keeping trims and corners from getting scuffed.



COMMON ISSUES IN DUBLIN HOMES

Living in Dublin, there are certain things we see all the time. Condensation and damp patches are high on the list – no surprise with our climate. If you spot them, clean with a mild mould remover and only repaint once the surface is completely dry and sealed. In kitchens, yellowing from cooking vapours is another common sight, which is why we often recommend washable matt or satin finishes for re-coats. Hallways, on the other hand, are prone to knocks and marks. Durable paints such as Dulux Diamond Matt or Fleetwood Advanced Matt stand up best to the daily traffic.



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AFTER PAINTING – CURING AND THE FIRST WEEKS

Fresh paint needs patience. Even if it feels dry to the touch in a day, it can take a week or two to cure fully. During that time, it's best not to wash the walls. Keep rooms ventilated, but avoid blasting heaters straight onto the surfaces. And hold off on hanging heavy frames or using sticky hooks for at least a week – give the paint time to settle into its strength.



TOUCH-UPS AND REPAINTING

It's always worth keeping a small pot of leftover paint tucked away. Label it with the room and date so you'll know exactly what to use later. Small chips are easy – a quick sand, a wipe down, and a thin coat with a foam brush will sort it. Larger areas are best done corner to corner to avoid flashing. As for repaint cycles, bedrooms and living rooms tend to last five to seven years, kitchens and bathrooms three to five, and exterior woodwork about three to four depending on exposure.



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WOODWORK AND TRIM MAINTENANCE

Woodwork deserves the same attention. A gentle clean once a month keeps skirting and doors sharp. Glossy finishes benefit from a quick polish with a damp cloth, and it's best to avoid stickers or tapes on painted wood – they can peel off the finish when removed.



PRODUCTS WE RECOMMEND

Over time we've come to trust a few products for Dublin homes. For walls, Dulux Diamond Matt and Fleetwood Advanced Washable Matt hold up brilliantly. For trims and doors, Colourtrend Satinwood or Dulux Quick Dry Satinwood give a durable, clean finish. Kitchens and bathrooms call for moisture-resistant options like Fleetwood EasyClean or Dulux Easycare. And for exterior work, Dulux Weathershield and Fleetwood Weatherclad are proven to last through Irish weather.



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WHEN TO CALL A PROFESSIONAL

Some jobs are worth leaving to a pro. If damp or mould keeps returning no matter what you do, if you're dealing with peeling ceilings or exterior wood, or if you're planning a major colour change from dark to light, that's the time to bring someone in. The same goes for spray painting or refinishing fitted furniture – specialist tools and experience make all the difference.

OUR PROMISE

At Catansus Painters, we stand behind every job we take on. We respect your home, your time, and your trust. And if you ever need advice – whether it's about care, colours, or a repaint – we're only a call away.



THANK YOU