

NEW HOMEOWNER'S COMPREHENSIVE

GUTTER MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST



Regular Inspections



Frequency

Check gutters every 3 months and after severe weather conditions.

- Inspect for blockages:** Clear leaves, debris, and any obstructions from gutters and downspouts.
- Check for leaks:** Look for any signs of leaks, cracks, or loose connections.
- Assess alignment:** Ensure gutters are properly aligned and securely attached to the roofline.

Professional Assistance



- Annual Inspection:** Consider scheduling an annual professional inspection and cleaning.
- Expert Repairs:** If unsure or unable to manage, hire professionals for repairs or thorough cleanings.

Seasonal Maintenance

Spring:

- Clean gutters thoroughly:** Remove winter debris and check for any damage caused by freezing temperatures.
- Unblock outlets:** Unblock all outlets and test the downpipes to the drain.



Warning! Do not flush any debris down the Downpipe, it could cause blockages in the drains!

Autumn:

- Clear gutters:** Remove fallen leaves and debris to prevent clogging during heavy rainfall.
- Secure gutters:** Tighten brackets and ensure proper fastening.



Summer:

- Trim surrounding trees:** Cut back branches overhanging the roof to prevent excessive debris accumulation.
- Gutter contraction / expansion:** Reposition and reconnect any gutter joints that have separated on hot days. Clean the joint seals first!
- Monitor for pests:** Look for signs of nesting animals or insects, and look out for Wasp nests!

Winter:

- Prevent ice dams:** Keep gutters and downspouts clear to prevent ice buildup.

Immediate Action Items

- Address Leaks Promptly:** Repair any identified leaks or damage immediately to prevent further deterioration.
- Downpipe filters:** If water is not flowing freely, check downpipe filters and clear any blockages.



Safety Measures



- Stay Safe & Use Proper Equipment:** Gutter maintenance is dangerous! Follow the HSE ladder safety guidance and wear gloves when cleaning gutters.

Builder's Advice



- Refer to your New Home Demonstration:** Recall and act upon any guidance provided by the builder regarding gutter maintenance.
- Follow Recommended Cleaning Schedule:** Organise timely gutter maintenance as suggested by the builder after moving into the new home.

This comprehensive checklist offers a detailed overview of tasks and schedules for maintaining gutters in a new build home. It covers regular inspections, seasonal maintenance, professional assistance, immediate action items, safety precautions, and advice related to the builder's recommendations.