## **Product Care Guide**

## **Powder Coated Surfaces:**

Powder coating provides a very durable finish. However, some weather conditions can have a negative impact on the finish and life of the coating.

Proper care and maintenance are crucial to extend the life of any coated surface. Special care is needed in the coastal areas due to build up of salt and dirt.

As a thumb rule, powder coated surfaces should be cleaned every 6 months. In areas where pollutants are more prevalent, such as beachfront houses, industrial and geothermal areas, the cleaning should be carried out more frequently.

## 3 Step cleaning

- Carefully remove any loose surface deposits with a wet sponge.
- Use a soft brush (non abrasive) and a dilute solution of a mild detergent, eg, pH-neutral liquid hand dishwashing detergent in warm water (DO NOT use solvents) to remove dust, salt and other deposits.
- Ensure you thoroughly rinse the surfaces with clean fresh water after cleaning to remove all residues.

For more details download the Dulux Care & Maintenance Tech Advice

https://duluxpowders.co.nz/tech-advice/

## Corten Steel Surfaces:

Probably the most durable material used for landscape products, this also requires almost no maintenance. Weathering refers to the chemical composition of these steels, allowing them to exhibit increased resistance to atmospheric corrosion compared to other steels. This is because the steel forms a protective layer on its surface under the influence of the weather.

The protective layer takes the form of a weathered (rust) patina. This uncontrolled process gives each piece a unique appearance. While no care is needed after the patina is formed, the process may cause leeching or rust runs under certain conditions.

Since rusting (Weathered Patina) is the intended finish of the steel, Design Junction disclaim all responsibility for damage caused as a result of this aging and weathering process.

Once the desired patina is developed, the surface can be sealed with Everbrite or Penetrol products. The application of these products may alter the colour and shade of the patina.