## Taking Care of Powder Coated Surfaces

To comply with warranty requirements and to extend the effective life of powder coatings, a very simple regular maintenance program should be implemented.  As a general rule cleaning should take place every six months.  In areas where pollutants are more prevalent such as beachfront houses and industrial or geothermal areas, then a cleaning program should be carried out on a more frequent basis, i.e. every 3 months.  The effects of ultra violet light, atmospheric pollution, dirt, grime and airborne salt deposits can all accumulate over time and should be removed at regular intervals.

## Three steps to cleaning your powder coating:

1.  Carefully remove any loose deposits with a wet sponge.
2.  Use a soft brush (non-abrasive) and a mild household detergent solution to remove dust, salt and other deposits.
3.  Rinse off with clean fresh water.

Warning
In some cases strong solvents are recommended for thinning various types of paints and also for cleaning up mastics and sealants.  These are harmful to the extended life of the powder coated surface and should not be used for cleaning purposes.  It is important to note that the damage will not be visible immediately and may take up to 12 months to develop.  If paint splashes or sealants and mastics need to be removed then the following may be safely used:  Methylated Spirits, White Spirits, Ethyl Alcohol, Isopropanol.