

— HOMEOWNER GUIDE

# Choosing the Right Recladding Builder in Tauranga

*What homeowners should know before starting a recladding project — from spotting the early warning signs to getting the right team on site.*

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# When Is It Time to Consider Recladding?

*A reclad is a major investment in the protection, appearance and long-term value of your home — the right timing starts with reading the signs correctly.*

For many Tauranga homeowners, recladding becomes necessary when the existing exterior is no longer performing as it should, there are concerns about weathertightness, or the home needs a substantial exterior update. It may also be considered when older cladding materials have reached the end of their useful life or require increasing levels of maintenance.

Tauranga's coastal climate can be demanding on exterior building materials. Salt air, wind-driven rain, strong ultraviolet exposure and seasonal humidity all place pressure on cladding systems. Homes close to the coast may experience particularly harsh conditions, but properties throughout the Bay of Plenty still need well-designed, correctly installed and properly maintained exterior systems.

**A note on assessment**

Some issues are mainly cosmetic, while others may indicate moisture entry or damage behind the cladding. A careful assessment is important before deciding whether maintenance, a targeted repair, a partial reclad or a full reclad is the most appropriate solution.

## Common signs it's time to investigate

- Cracking, swelling, warping or movement in exterior cladding
- Staining, bubbling paint or recurring deterioration of coatings
- Moisture, musty smells or unexplained damage around windows and doors
- Failed sealants, flashings or junctions
- An ageing or discontinued cladding system that is becoming difficult to repair
- A desire to modernise the home's appearance and reduce ongoing maintenance

**Not sure which category your home falls into?**

That's exactly what an initial site visit is for. Cladding Plus can look at the visible signs, discuss your concerns and recommend whether further investigation is needed — before any decisions are made about scope or cost.

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# Why Recladding Is More Than a Surface Upgrade

*Once the old cladding is removed, the structure and construction details beneath can finally be inspected properly.*

Recladding is not simply a matter of replacing the visible exterior. It creates an opportunity to repair damage, improve moisture management and rebuild the exterior using modern construction details and an appropriate cladding system.

Depending on the project, the work may include removing the existing cladding, inspecting and remediating framing, upgrading the wall underlay and cavity system, improving flashings, and installing new cladding in accordance with the consented plans and manufacturer's requirements. It may also be practical to consider insulation, joinery, exterior trims or other upgrades while the walls are open.

This is why specialist recladding experience matters. These projects require careful sequencing, a strong understanding of weathertightness, accurate installation around vulnerable junctions, and close coordination with designers, engineers, council inspectors, subcontractors and the homeowner.



BEFORE — hidden damage found once cladding was removed

AFTER — same project, reclad complete

### Why this matters

Damage like this is invisible from the street. It's found once the wall is opened — which is exactly why the builder's process for documenting and pricing hidden damage matters as much as their finishing work.

*“ A reclad is a major investment in the protection, appearance and long-term value of your home. Choosing a builder with genuine recladding experience can make the process clearer, safer and far less stressful.*

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# What to Expect During a Recladding Project

*Six stages, from first site visit through to Code Compliance Certificate documentation.*

### 1. Initial assessment and planning

A site visit to review available plans and property information, discuss visible concerns, and identify whether further investigation or specialist advice is needed. If there are signs of moisture damage, additional testing may be recommended before the final scope and price can be confirmed.

### 2. Design, product selection and consent

Most substantial recladding projects require architectural documentation and building consent. Cladding Plus can work alongside the architect, engineer and other specialists — clear documentation is essential because details controlling water, drainage, ventilation and durability must be designed and constructed correctly.

### 3. Scaffolding, protection and cladding removal

Once consent is issued and the programme is confirmed, scaffolding and weather protection are installed where required. The existing cladding is removed in controlled stages so the underlying framing can be inspected while the home remains protected as reasonably practicable.

### 4. Framing inspection and remediation

Removing the exterior can reveal damage that wasn't visible when the estimate was prepared. Any affected framing must be assessed, documented and repaired correctly before the new wall system is closed in — with photographs and clear cost and programme implications explained before work proceeds.

### 5. Installation and finishing

New building wrap, cavity battens, flashings and cladding are installed to the approved design, with particular attention around windows, doors, corners, penetrations and roof-to-wall junctions. Remaining work may include trims, painting, spouting, site clean-up, final inspections and Code Compliance Certificate (CCC) documentation.

### 6. Living in your home during the reclad

In most cases, homeowners can continue living in their home during the majority of the recladding work. There will be periods of noise, dust, scaffolding and reduced privacy, so working from home can be disruptive. If the scope of remediation means temporarily moving out would be safer or more practical, we will discuss this with you as early as possible.

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# Choosing the Right Cladding for a Tauranga Home

*There is no single cladding product that suits every property.*

The right option depends on the home's design and structure, its exposure, the look you want, your budget and the amount of ongoing maintenance you are comfortable with.

Cladding Plus installs a range of recognised cladding systems, including low-maintenance Palliside weatherboards and selected James Hardie fibre-cement products. We discuss the practical advantages and limitations of suitable options so you can compare them properly, rather than being pushed towards a one-size-fits-all solution.

### When comparing cladding systems, consider:

- Performance in coastal and high-UV conditions
- Maintenance, painting and cleaning requirements
- Compatibility with the home's architecture and existing structure
- How the complete wall system manages drainage and ventilation
- Product warranties, appraisals and installation requirements
- Finished appearance and likely long-term ownership costs



COMPLETED — low-maintenance Palliside® weatherboard cladding on a completed Tauranga re clad

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# What Sets a Good Recladding Builder Apart?

*Workmanship is only part of the decision — you also need a team that plans thoroughly, communicates honestly and manages the site professionally.*

Recladding can be disruptive. A credible recladding builder should be realistic about the possibility of hidden damage and have a clear process for dealing with it.

**Be cautious of**

An unusually low price that does not clearly identify exclusions, provisional allowances or potential remediation costs. A well-prepared estimate should make it clear what is included, where uncertainty remains and how any changes will be handled.

**Before choosing a builder, ask:**

- How much experience do you have with recladding and weathertightness remediation?
- Can you explain the proposed process and likely project stages clearly?
- How will hidden damage and variations be documented, priced and approved?
- Who will coordinate the designer, engineer, council inspections and subcontractors?
- How will the home be protected while the existing cladding is removed?
- Can you provide examples of completed projects and references from previous clients?
- Are the people carrying out restricted building work appropriately licensed?

**Good to know**

In New Zealand, restricted building work (RBW) — including most external moisture-management and cladding work — must be carried out or supervised by a Licensed Building Practitioner (LBP). It's a fair question to ask any builder quoting on a reclad.

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# Why Local Tauranga Experience Matters

*Exposed coastal properties, sheltered suburban homes, sloping sites and older subdivisions each create different design and weather-protection considerations.*

Tauranga includes exposed coastal properties, sheltered suburban homes, sloping sites, older subdivisions and houses with complex rooflines, balconies or mixed cladding systems. Each situation creates different design, access and weather-protection considerations.

A local recladding team understands the region's climate, common housing styles and the practical realities of managing exterior building work in the Bay of Plenty. Local knowledge also supports better coordination with nearby suppliers, designers, engineers, inspectors and specialist trades.

## Working With Cladding Plus

Cladding Plus is a Tauranga-based recladding specialist focused on helping homeowners navigate complex exterior projects with clear advice, careful workmanship and straightforward communication. We work on full and partial reclads, weathertightness remediation and exterior upgrades throughout Tauranga and the wider Bay of Plenty.

Our team can help from the early assessment and budgeting stage through design coordination and consent, construction, inspections and completion. During construction, we keep homeowners informed about progress and any issues uncovered once the existing cladding is removed — with clear evidence, practical recommendations and transparent pricing so informed decisions can be made.



ON SITE — a sloping-site property, Bay of Plenty



THE VIEW — Tauranga Harbour, from a client's deck

— ABOUT CLADDING PLUS

# The Person You'll Meet From Day One

*Straightforward advice, practical recladding experience and one point of contact from the first site visit.*

## Meet Chris Reid

DIRECTOR | LICENSED BUILDING PRACTITIONER

Chris is the Director of Cladding Plus and the person homeowners meet when they first sit down to discuss a reclad. He visits the property, talks through the concerns, reviews the available information and helps explain the practical options before work begins.

His experience is focused on recladding, weathertightness remediation and exterior building work across Tauranga and the wider Bay of Plenty. That includes full and partial reclads, water-damage repairs, cavity systems, cladding selection and coordinating the many moving parts that come with a consented recladding project.

Chris remains closely involved through the job — working with homeowners, designers, engineers, council inspectors, suppliers and the site team so questions can be answered clearly and decisions made with the right information.



### What you can expect

- Direct contact with Chris from the first meeting
- Clear advice on scope, options and likely project stages
- Transparent communication when hidden issues are uncovered

### “ WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY

*Cladding Plus were incredible from start to finish. The hardest workers we've ever seen, amazing communication, and great people.*

— Sarah Mewett

Cladding Plus customer review, February 2026

## Local experience. Clear communication. Specialist recladding knowledge.

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# Next Steps

Recladding is a significant investment — and the right information and team will make the process smoother, clearer and far less stressful.

If you're considering recladding, we're happy to have an initial conversation, inspect your home and provide guidance on the best approach for your situation.

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*Choosing the right builder makes all the difference. We're here to help you make informed decisions and protect your home for the long term.*

★★★★★  
We had a fantastic experience with Cladding Plus. Chris and his team made what could have been a really stressful process feel smooth and easy. They dealt with some big problems behind the cladding and fixed everything properly. Highly recommend!  
**Keshia Lloyd** | Google Review

