



HOMEOWNER NEW HOME MAINTENANCE MANUAL
For Quattro3, 13728 108th Avenue, Surrey, BC, V3T 0G2



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WELCOME TO LIVING AT QUATTRO3

Congratulations on your new home purchase at Quattro3.

Enclosed is your New Home Maintenance Manual. This manual provides important information on your home including contacts, maintenance, equipment manuals & warranty coverage. Please keep this manual in a safe, convenient location for quick reference.

Enjoy your new home and thanks again for choosing Tien Sher!

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to your new home at Quattro3! Tien Sher is pleased to provide this New Home Maintenance Manual for your reference. This manual will serve as a summary of the more important issues you may encounter in caring for your new home.

No home is maintenance free. Proper and timely maintenance can extend the life of many of the components and systems incorporated in your new home and help you to protect your investment. These maintenance recommendations are intended to provide you with a basic understanding of the maintenance requirements of your new home.

Undertaking maintenance is not for everyone. If you are uncomfortable undertaking any specific maintenance task, we recommend hiring a professional.

This manual is not intended to deal with all common property maintenance items related to a strata titled residential project. Common property maintenance is the responsibility of the Strata Corporation.

YOUR ROLE AS A HOMEOWNER

Your role during the first year is very important. There are several things you should keep in mind to make certain your warranty serves you well.

- Read all operation manuals that were supplied with your home. Please fill out and mail the warranty cards on all appliances.
- We suggest that you do not wallpaper in the first year. This will enable you to find shrinkage cracks in the drywall and allow us to do the repairs. Of course you should feel free to paint and decorate your home as you choose.
- Be sure to read your New Home Maintenance Manual. It is important to make sure you use all equipment properly, especially in regard to humidity control, kitchen fans and other moisture control devices within your home.
- Keep informed of your Strata Council – especially in regard to the common area warranty. This common area warranty begins with the first possession or occupancy of the first home in the building and therefore, the expiry for the common area may be different than the expiry on your own home.

WARRANTY COVERAGE

In accordance with the Homeowner's Protection Act, Tien Sher provides mandatory 2/5/10 year warranty coverage through Travelers Guarantee Company of Canada. When you take possession of your new home, you will sign and be given a copy of the Warranty Commencement Certificate. Your warranty becomes effective on the date of possession. Travelers will provide you with detailed information on warranty coverage shortly after you move in.

First Year Coverage

Your home has been constructed in accordance within the applicable building codes. Many materials such as wood and concrete have certain inherent qualities which may require some servicing.

If the workmanship and materials do not perform to the standards set by the warranty provider within the first year we will make repairs as necessary. During the first year, please report any items, in writing, to our Customer Service Department. Please explain the concern giving the location and as much detail as possible. Tien Sher retains the right to refuse warranty service for items that, upon inspection, have been caused by abuse, neglect or lack of maintenance.

Items not considered defects in workmanship or materials include, but are not limited to:

1. Normal shrinkage or warping as per the guidelines outlined in the warranty provider Materials and Labour Standards Guide.
2. Purchaser supplied material or appliances, and design and defects in other workmanship or materials related to purchaser supplied materials or workmanship.
3. Damage caused by/or resulting from the failure of the purchaser to maintain adequate ventilation and/or heat to the new home.
4. Damages resulting from move-ins.
5. Normal wear and tear.
6. Maintenance repairs, such as plugged toilets, burnt out light bulbs, etc.

Drywall cracking and nail pops are normal occurrences in the first year of occupancy. These types of occurrences should wait until the end of your first year to be repaired. We recommend that you do not apply wall coverings or custom paint in the first year. Should you elect to do either of these, we cannot

accept responsibility for damage to your walls caused by drywall cracks. Tien Sher is under no obligation to re-decorate wall areas affected by drywall repairs. Owners should consider the effect of any repair in areas of custom wall paint or wallpaper.

Following is a summary of the 2/5/10 year warranty from Travelers Guarantee Company of Canada's website. For complete warranty coverage information of your home, refer to your Travelers Guarantee Company of Canada 2/5/10 Year Home Warranty Certificate.

2 Year Material & Labour Warranty

First 12 months – coverage for any defect in materials and labour

First 15 months – coverage for any defects in materials and labour in the common property of a multi-unit building

First 24 months – coverage for any defect in materials and labour supplied for the electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning delivery and distribution systems. In addition, coverage for any defect in materials and labour supplied for the exterior cladding, caulking, windows and doors that may lead to detachment or material damage to the new home

5 Year Building Envelope Warranty

Coverage for the building envelope for up to five years for defects in the building envelope of a new home, including a defect which permits unintended water penetration such that it causes, or is likely to cause, material damage to the new home.

10 Year Structural Defects Warranty

Coverage for structural defects for up to ten years for:

- Any defect in materials and labour that results in the failure of a load-bearing part of the new home; and
- Any defect which causes structural damage that materially and adversely affects the use of the new home for residential occupancy.

OWNER'S DUTY TO MITIGATE AND MAINTAIN

As per Section G of your Travelers Guarantee home warranty certificate, you are required to maintain your new home and mitigate any damage to your new home, including damage caused by defects or water penetration.

You must take all reasonable steps to restrict damage to your home if the defect requires immediate attention.

For defects covered by Travelers Guarantee warranty, the duty to mitigate is met through timely notice in writing to Tien Sher and Travelers Guarantee.

An owner's duty to mitigate survives even if:

1. the new home is unoccupied;
2. the new home is occupied by someone else other than the homeowner;
3. water penetration does not appear to be causing damage; and/or
4. the owner advises the strata corporation about the defect.

Unfortunately, if a defect occurs or is made worse due to an owner's failure to follow the maintenance procedures provided, or to mitigate any damage, it will be excluded from warranty coverage.

SERVICE PROCEDURES

Emergencies

A home emergency is a problem that will affect your well being and requires immediate professional attention to your home. These will be addressed:

1. The smell of gas
2. Water leaking from a source that cannot be identified and contained
3. Any electrical problem that affects your home or presents a hazard

Prompt Attention

Items coming under this category are those that pose a safety hazard or which left unattended until the end of the warranty period, will do greater harm to your home. These will be addressed as quickly as possible during normal business hours. Some examples are:

1. Loose railings
2. Malfunctioning plumbing
3. Electrical problems such as inadequate heating
4. Water seepage of any kind such as slow leaking under a sink, new stains or visible dampness
5. Window seal failure
6. Window cracks
7. Exterior door/windows that no longer fit or function properly
8. Cracked or broken tiles in the shower

Year End Attention (Inside Your Home)

Items under this category are those that can wait and are best repaired in one visit toward the end of the warranty period. An example is:

- Drywall shrinkage and nail pops

Drywall repairs are a result of any shrinkage and nail pops that occur during the first year. They will be repaired only once during the warranty period. It is recommended that you wait until near the end of your warranty period before requesting drywall repairs. All repairs are sanded and ready for painting. We do not repaint.

All year end requests for service must be submitted in writing before the one year anniversary of your possession date and sent to Tien Sher.

IMPORTANT STEPS TO FOLLOW FOR SERVICE

Emergency and After Hours Service

Tien Sher
604-273-4633

Property Management, Strata or Building Emergencies

Bayside Property Services, Ltd.
604-432-7774

Non Emergency Service

Please mail, fax or email your written request using the attached form directly to:

Tien Sher
#185-4631 Shell Road
Richmond, BC V6X 3M4
Attention: Customer Service Department
Fax: 604-273-0685
Email: service@tiensher.com

Unless service is of an emergency nature, all service requests must be submitted in writing using the supplied form on the following page. Please do not give service requests to your sales representative or construction personnel.

Upon receipt of your request, the Customer Service Department will call to schedule an appointment for service in your home during normal business service hours (7am-3pm, Monday-Friday). Our Service Department is not available weekends. It is the homeowner's responsibility to be available and allow us access to their homes during weekday hours in order to do any service work.

We will make every effort to complete repairs as quickly as possible. However, due to the types of repairs encountered and the fact that we may have to involve sub-trades, some delay is possible. We ask your patience as we will address it as quickly as possible.

Please ensure that you review all of your warranty documentation closely so that you are aware of all deadlines and complaint procedures.

SETTING UP YOUR HOME

Activating Services, Change of Address and Transportation

- BC Hydro 604-224-9376
This can also be done online at www.bchydro.com. Please note that you are responsible for this service from the date of possession.
- Telus 604-310-2255
- Shaw Cable 604-629-8888
- Canada Post Delivery 1-888-607-6301
- Vancouver Sun/Province 1-800-663-2662
- BC Transit www.translink.bc.ca
604-953-3333

City of Surrey

- City of Surrey General Information 604-591-4011
- Surrey Memorial Hospital 604-581-2211
- Library General Information 604-598-7340
- Parks & Recreation Information 604-501-5050
- Garbage/Recycling Information 604-590-7289
- Surrey School District #56 604-596-7733
- Central City Customer Service 604-587-7773
- Simon Fraser University Surrey 778-782-7400

CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Appliances

The appliances supplied for your new home are covered by a one-year manufacturer's warranty. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to contact the supplier directly for any service needs:

- **TRAIL APPLIANCES 604-777-3000 ext. 2 for WHIRLPOOL PRODUCTS**
- **TOTEM APPLIANCE SERVICE 604-437-5136 for SAMSUNG PRODUCTS.**

Please refer to the manuals supplied by the manufacturer for more information on operation. When you are using your dishwasher or washing machine for the first time, please do not leave it unattended in case any leaks occur. When using the self-cleaning feature on your range, please open the cabinet drawers and doors on either side of the oven to avoid damage from the high heat until the cleaning is completed. The heat can affect the cabinet finish.

BBQ Hazard

When using your barbeque on your deck area, please keep it away from the siding as the heat may damage the vinyl. This damage will not be warranted.

Cabinets and Laminate Countertops

When cleaning cabinet doors and countertops, use only warm soapy water and a soft cloth. Never use an abrasive powder or liquid cleaner or an abrasive pad on any cabinet surface. Do not use any solvents, thinners, or mineral spirits on cabinet surfaces. Ensure that water and other liquids are not left in contact with cabinet surfaces. Keep counters dry whenever possible to prevent water from penetrating the countertop seam. Please note that warranty will be null and void in cases where damage is due to standing water.

Granite

Daily maintenance should involve no more than wiping with a damp cloth and drying with a towel to prevent water spots. If you wish to use something other than water, there are cleaning products specifically designed for natural stone. Granite is resistant to staining, but not impervious to grease and oil. Wipe immediately to avoid dark spotting.

Flooring

Carpets: To keep carpets looking new, we recommend these simple rules: avoid soil accumulation and use walk-in mats at all entrances. In areas of heavy traffic, it is recommended that carpet be vacuumed three to four times per week. For best results use a vacuum cleaner with a beater bar or rotating brush and plenty of suction. Make sure you have adjusted the attachments to the proper height for your carpet. Have your carpets professionally cleaned regularly. This keeps your carpet looking beautiful longer.

Ceramic Tiles: For routine cleaning use a mild detergent; do not use waxes or sealers. As the grout is porous and will absorb water which will lead to staining, annual sealing of the grout joints with a clear liquid silicone sealer should be carried out.

Hardwood Flooring: Immediately blot up spills or spots with a lightly damp cloth. Frequently vacuum or dust your floor to prevent dirt and grit from scratching or dulling its finish. Use mats/area rugs to trap grit which otherwise can damage the surface. Use good quality felt protectors on all furniture legs. Avoid use of spiked heel shoes as these can leave indentations or scratches which are not covered under warranty. Do not use soap or detergents to “damp mop” the floor and never pour water directly onto the floor. Do not wax the floor or use ammoniated cleaners, steel wool or abrasive pads on your floor. Lacquer thinners or acetone should not be used to remove spots.

Hardware

In all cases, cleaning with a damp cloth is recommended. No abrasive cleansers or other household cleaners should be used. Taps and faucets should be cleaned with clear water and dried with a soft cloth. Do not use chemical cleaners or abrasive pads as these products may cause damage to the finishes. Steel wool pads will cause the finishes to become dull and porous. Green staining of fixtures is usually a water related issue due to the chemical compositions in the water and is not a builder defect.

Windows and Ventilation

Windows have small drainage holes located in the track area of the frame. Owners should periodically clean these holes, removing any dirt or bug residue to ensure a clear flow passage. If you experience condensation on the surface of any inside window, it's due to too much moisture in the air. Please use the fans in the bathrooms after a bath or shower to prevent excess moisture in the air. A ventilation timer is wired to your bathroom fan. Disconnecting this may result in voiding your home warranty. Occasionally opening a window, even

slightly, provides a great deal more air than is otherwise available in your home and is recommended.

HOW YOUR HOME WORKS

Electrical

Ground Fault Interrupter (GFI) Circuit Breakers and Plugs: Make sure all breaker switches are on. These breakers measure the current passing through the circuit. If there is excessive draw, such as running two high wattage hair dryers at the same time, the power is interrupted. Bathrooms are on dedicated circuits. These should be tested once a month to ensure they are working properly. Simply press the test button while operating an appliance and this will create a short. To reset, push the reset button on the outlet as designated.

Switched (Duplex) Outlets: Some outlets in the home have one half of an outlet controlled by a switch. For example, a lamp can be switched at the entrance to a room by using the wall switch (as opposed to at the lamp) if the lamp is plugged into the upper (or lower) outlet. Also, please be aware that if you choose to plug a cordless telephone into this outlet and then use the wall switch, it may cause your phone to shut down.

Kitchen Plugs: Plugs are split in two so that the top and bottom halves are on separate circuits. This allows you to plug in two high draw appliances in the same outlet without tripping a breaker.

Smoke Detectors: Smoke from cooking, baking, or even moisture from showers can set off a smoke detector. Fan the area of smoke or steam to turn off the alarm or open a window to ventilate quickly. Always use the range hood fan in the kitchen while cooking.

All smoke alarms are electrically operated (not battery). The Fire Department recommends testing the alarms a minimum of twice a year, suggesting when the daylight savings time changes.

Plumbing

Showers: All fixtures are designed to conserve water. This means there is normal pressure but a restricted volume of water.

Toilets: All toilets are designed to conserve water. This means that only normal waste and toilet tissue may be flushed. Do not flush paper towel or sanitary products.

Insinkerator: Run cold water through it before, during and after emulsification. Avoid greases as they may cause blockage and fibrous foods that can jam the pivots.

Run a few ice cubes through every 4-6 months for maintenance. Make sure the thermal protector has not tripped if the Insinkerator fails to come on.

FIRE EMERGENCIES

Fire safety is everyone's responsibility. Every resident should plan to be fire safe. Planning and awareness can save minutes or lives. Develop and practice a fire safety plan. Know the two quickest and safest ways out of your building.

General Fire Safety Information

Check doors for heat before opening them.

If unable to leave your apartment, protect yourself by placing towels, sheets or clothes around the door and vents to keep the smoke out.

Never use elevators in a fire! Use the exit stairways and close all doors behind you to slow the spread of the fire.

If your escape route becomes smoky, crawl low under the smoke.

If your route becomes impassable due to smoke, heat or fire, return to your suite or use an alternate escape route. Never go to the roof as you may become trapped with no means of escape or protection.

Get out and stay out! Do not go back into the building for any reason.

CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY!

For additional information on fire safety, please refer to: www.surrey.ca

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Ambulance **For a medical emergency: CALL 911**
(Non-emergency 604-872-5151)

Police **For a security emergency: CALL 911**
(Non-emergency 604-599-0520)

Fire Department **For a fire emergency: CALL 911**
(Non-emergency 604-543-6700)

Power Outages & Electrical Emergencies (BC Hydro): 1-888-769-3766

Gas Leaks & Gas Odor Emergencies (FortisBC): 1-888-663-9911

Bayside Property Services, Ltd.: 604-432-7774

*for Property Management, Strata or Building Emergencies.

Tien Sher Emergency Service: 604-273-4633

*this number is for **EMERGENCIES ONLY** (plumbing and electrical)

- In case of water leaking, check main water valve and turn off.
- If there is no power, check bulb, switch and the breaker first.

APPLIANCE WARRANTY INFORMATION

<u>Appliance</u>	<u>Model #</u>	<u>Serial #</u>
Whirlpool Range	YWFE361LVS	_____
Whirlpool Refrigerator	W8RXCGFXS	_____
Whirlpool Dishwasher	DU850SWPS	_____
Whirlpool OTR	YWMH1162XVS	_____
Samsung Washer	WF210ANW	_____
Samsung Dryer	DV210AEW	_____

Should you require any service on any of your appliances, please inform Tien Sher after work is completed so that we may keep a record of service in our files.

Service contact: please phone the manufacturer DIRECTLY for any service needs.

WHIRLPOOL: contact TRAIL APPLIANCE 604-777-3000 ext. 2

SAMSUNG: contact TOTEM APPLIANCE SERVICE at 604-437-5136

*Please refer to the project name (Quattro) built by (Tien Sher Investments) when requesting service.

*Please have the make, model, serial number and possession date ready prior to calling for service. THIS INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO REQUEST SERVICE.

PAINT CODES

<u>Location</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Color & Finish</u>	<u>Supplier</u>
Primer Sealer	20051	8672W	General Paint
Walls through out	94900	Tequila	
Bath Walls & Ceilings			
Wood/MDF Primer	4020	CW021W	General Paint
Woodwork through out	59211	Lemon Peel	
Primer Sealer	20051	CC-40	Benjamin Moore
Ceilings through out	94500	Cloud White	

STRATA CORPORATION

Your new home is legally described as a strata lot but owning it is just like owning a single family dwelling. It needs maintenance and upkeep by the individual owner. Exteriors and common grounds around the development are maintained by the owners as a group.

The Strata Corporation is made up of all of the owners in the complex and is governed by the Strata Property Act of British Columbia. A Strata Council of up to seven owners is formed to represent the owners and administer the rules and regulations and conduct the business of the Strata Corporation. The Strata Corporation usually has a property management company who provides services to the owners for the day to day maintenance, book-keeping and reporting needed to operate a strata corporation in an efficient manner. Owners elect the Strata Council yearly at the Annual General Meeting.

Your strata lot is comprised of the area within your home measured to the center line of all demising walls and outside of the exterior wall. The common property consists of all areas outside the strata lot and areas within the building that are available for use by all of the owners. Balconies, patios and parking spaces are sometimes designated limited common property if they are meant to be used exclusively by one owner. Any modifications to the exterior of the building, including the balconies and patios, can only be made if permission for the modifications has been obtained from the Strata Council.

The Property Manager is there to assist you regarding the operation of the Strata Corporation. On behalf of the owners, they consult and coordinate rules and regulations, maintenance fees and Strata meetings. The Strata Corporation, through the elected Strata Council, determines policy. This policy is communicated to the owners through the rules and regulations and the council meeting minutes. The Property Manager is usually authorized by the Strata Council to enforce the rules and regulations.

The Property Management Company is:

Bayside Property Services, Ltd.
#100-6400 Roberts St.
Burnaby, BC V5G 4C9
604-432-7774

Remember that you and your neighbors own this complex. Tien Sher is here to assist you should servicing be required. All warranty work will be reviewed using the guideline established by the warranty provider.

All inquiries, including deficiencies regarding maintenance or warranty work for the common areas should be directed to your Property Manager through the Strata Council.

QUATTRO3 MAINTENANCE MANUAL SIGN-OFF

As a requirement of the Homeowner Protection Act, Tien Sher is required to provide you with maintenance requirements for your home and its components. Checked below are the specific component manuals that may have been provided to you for your new home in addition to this maintenance manual.

1. In-sink disposal
2. Smoke Detector
3. Microwave Hood Fan
4. Dishwasher
5. Stove/range
6. Refrigerator
7. Washer/dryer
8. Bathroom Fans

I/We, _____, on this date _____ confirm that I/we have received the above-noted manuals for my/our new home located at:

_____ Bldg _____ Address _____
Surrey, BC from my/our builder, Tien Sher. I/We also acknowledge it is my/our responsibility to familiarize myself/ourselves with the contents of these manuals and undertake any maintenance requirements explained therein.

Owner(s) signature

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A copy of this page is to be retained by your builder. Tien Sher must forward a completed copy to Travelers Guarantee along with the completed Warranty Commencement Date Certificate, Schedule D.