

How much does it cost to maintain a house?

House maintenance can be expensive. Labour and transport cost a lot, especially if you live remotely and if the repair is done outside office hours.

The average costs of house repair in Darwin (prices are estimate only, based on 2020 data)

ELECTRICAL	\$	BUILDING	\$	PLUMBING	\$
After hours call-out fee \$165 hourly rate	385	key replacement + delivery	50	After hours call-out fee \$150 hourly rate	300-400
replace electricity meter	600	lock replacement	110	tap	80-120
light switch	160	security screen door	550	shower head	90
power points/ switches	160	door/ hollow	120	toilet seat	90
fan replacement	250	door/ solid	255	toilet bowl	180
stove replacement	1300			cistern	220

As you can see, it's important to take care of our house because it costs a lot to repair..
Here are six housing maintenance tips:

#1
Do It Yourself (DIY) simple things such as: Mowing the lawn, duplicating keys, replacing a light bulb, or fixing a tap washer

It it's way cheaper than calling tradies to do it for you

#2
Avoid out-of-hours maintenance when possible. It often involves call out rates which is expensive



#3
Tell housing mob as soon as a small problem appears: such as water leak and termites. Don't wait until it gets worse

#4
Don't break stuff. Remember, you are responsible for any damage caused by tenants and visitors

Make sure everyone, including all visitors, respects the house

#5
Limit visitor numbers, as overcrowding increases housing wear and tear

#6
Don't attract pests. Keep your house clean