

## Home Maintenance Service

#### WHAT ARE HOME MAINTENANCE SERVICES?

With advancing age or disability, it can become increasingly difficult to attend to the maintenance of the home and the installation of equipment required for a liveable environment.

MannaCare Home Maintenance Service, funded under the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP), aims to provide advice and assistance with home and garden maintenance.

These services help older people or those with a disability maintain a safe, habitable and healthy home environment.

#### WHAT HOME MAINTENANCE SERVICES ARE OFFERED?

MannaCare is able to provide non-trade assistance for small and minor repairs, and also offers spring cleaning and short-term gardening services.

### **Equipment installation:**

- installing ramps, steps and handrails
- doing minor home modifications (such as minor carpentry and shower hardware modifications)

#### **Home maintenance:**

- changing light bulbs, tap washers and smoke detector batteries
- cleaning gutters (by blower in designated fireprone areas only)
- cleaning outside windows (although conditions do apply here, please check with us)
- pressure wash mossy paths

#### **Spring cleaning:**

- high dusting
- washing internal walls and windows
- cleaning kitchen stoves, ovens, microwaves and fridges
- cleaning cupboards and skirting boards

In addition, we are able to assist clients with advice on wall rail modification installations and home safety assessments.



### **Short-term gardening (GP referral required)**

- Up to 6 months
- mowing lawns on a normal-sized block (not exceeding 800sq metres)
- edge trimming and leaf blowing
- trimming low bushes and branches (where ladders aren't needed)
- weeding



# HOME MODIFICATION AND SAFETY ASSESSMENT ADVICE

An Occupational Therapist is funded by the CHSP to do home modification and safety assessments.

MannaCare also accepts referrals from the State-wide Equipment Program (SWEP), with referrals coming through Occupational Therapists of treating health services.

For all referral enquires and advice, call MannaCare on 03 9856 1274.

# WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR HOME MAINTENANCE?

These services are available to any resident in the Eastern Metropolitan Region who:

- is aged 65 years or older, or
- 50 years or older and identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person, and
- has difficulty performing simple property maintenance tasks due to functional limitations, or
- needs property modifications that increase or maintain levels of independence, safety, accessibility and wellbeing

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