

Home Doctor



How Does Your Home Stand Up To Bad Weather?



It's always fair weather when you are prepared for storm damage.

(NAPSA)—The Home Doctor offers answers to commonly-asked building questions.

Q. A recent hailstorm did extensive damage to the siding on my house, and I need to replace it. What are my best options for durable siding that will stand up to bad weather, while still offering me the broad style and color selections I want?

A. When severe storm patterns pop up on the weather map, the last thing homeowners want to think about is the damage that storms could cause to the exterior of their homes. Storms can create fierce wind gusts that can cause objects to dent siding and even tear it off completely.

In the past, homeowners had very few options for weather-resistant siding with good visual appeal. According to Realtor Magazine, new siding can cost up to \$6,000 for the average-sized home, so why shouldn't homeowners get the best of both worlds for that amount of money? Fortunately, durable siding is now

available that is pleasing to the eye and warranted to last for many years.

I recommend choosing a vinyl or polymer siding. These materials maintain their integrity for years, and the upkeep is minimal. At worst, you will occasionally need to wash dirt off the siding with an average garden hose. They are very low maintenance.

One good option is Monogram 46 vinyl siding from CertainTeed Corporation. The 46 means the material is .046" thick, so it has increased strength and impact resistance. It is also designed to withstand wind-load pressure up to 220 miles per hour and features the widest color selection of any siding, making style choices endless.

So the next time severe weather storms through your town, know that your siding can stand out and stand up to whatever is blown its way.

To learn more about this and other CertainTeed products, including fiber cement siding, visit certainteed.com or call (800) 782-8777.