

# THE HEALTHY HOUSE

## Protect Your Home Against Water Damage

(NAPSA)—Snow, ice, sleet and rain can cause damage to the exterior of your home. Surfaces where water collects—such as windowsills and railings—are especially prone to water absorption, which can lead to peeling paint, wood rot and the growth of mold and mildew if left unprotected.

So why not protect your home against water damage before the wet winter weather sets in? Thanks to new technologies, it's as easy as applying a fresh coat of paint. Here's some advice from the experts at Zinsser:

- Scrape and remove peeling or chipping paint. Sand rough edges and clean the area thoroughly to remove dirt, dust and other contaminants. Remove and kill mold and mildew with an EPA-registered cleaner like JOMAX House Cleaner and Mildew Killer.

- Apply a high-quality exterior primer, such as Bulls Eye 1-2-3 Primer-Sealer, to seal the surface, block stains and create a sound base for your paint to adhere.

- Select a quality exterior latex paint in the color of your choice and add a water-repellent formulated to be mixed with paint, like OKON PaintBooster Water Repellent Additive, to prevent water absorption and extend the life of your paint job. Just one quart of PaintBooster mixed with one gallon of latex paint prevents melting snow,



**Water-repellent paint additives can ward off water damage from rain, snow and ice.**

ice—even wind-driven rain—from penetrating and damaging exterior surfaces. It helps prevent wood rot and peeling paint on wood surfaces, so it's great for use on siding, doors, trim and surfaces where water collects, such as windowsills. It's equally effective at preventing the damaging effects of water absorption on masonry—like brick, stucco and concrete. PaintBooster resists dirt buildup to keep your paint job looking clean and fresh for years—and because it can also be added to any latex stain, it can be used to prevent water damage on fences, decks, outdoor furniture and more.

For more information on OKON PaintBooster and protecting your home against water absorption, visit [www.okoninc.com](http://www.okoninc.com).