

Home Doctor



The Home Doctor Is In

(NAPSA)—The Home Doctor has the answers to common building questions.

Q: I've had a hard time with my wood-clad house. As I begin building a new home for the first time, is there any siding that looks like wood, yet can weather the storm so I don't have to worry about its paint peeling or it falling off in high winds?

A: It's true; weather can have a devastating effect on a home's exterior. A simple solution to avoiding painting upkeep is to choose a low-maintenance material such as vinyl.

Where weather is concerned, recall the 2004 hurricane season in which Florida saw four back-to-back hurricanes that resulted in billions of dollars worth of property damage. Strong winds tore off siding up and down the coast. Unfortunately, this type of damage is not exclusive to hurricanes, as thunderstorms and high winds can have similar consequence.

Knowing a strong exterior is essential to protecting a home and its owners' pocketbook, siding manufacturers have focused on producing materials that stay put even during severe weather. For instance, building products manufacturer CertainTeed makes Millennium® vinyl siding that offers a unique "Won't Blow Off" warranty. This siding has proven to resist being torn from the home during severe weather conditions.



Choosing the right siding can help protect your home against damage during storms and high winds.

The secret is a patented nail-tight, flexible hem, which is unlike any other siding on the market. This hidden hem is made of individual suspension cables that allow the siding to move freely as temperature and conditions change with the seasons. The hem also provides the added security during high winds. In this way Millennium siding keeps true to its look. Plus, it's inherently low maintenance, so will never need painting and comes in a variety of colors and coordinating trim so you don't have to forsake style for durability.

For more information on vinyl siding that can endure the elements, visit the Web site at www.certainteed.com or call 800-782-8777.