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RESIDENTIAL SIDING – NEW HOMES AND RESIDING

This handout is only a guide and does not contain all of the requirements of the Minnesota State Building Code or City Ordinances.

PERMITS:

A building permit is required for the residing of residential dwellings and garages.

SUBMITTALS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A BUILDING PERMIT:

- A complete building permit application for residing showing the type of siding to be used including the product, brand, manufacturer and profile.
- A complete evaluation service report and manufacturer's specifications.

INSTALLATION:

- Where siding is installed horizontally, the fastener spacing shall not exceed the stud spacing horizontally and 12 inches vertically.
- All new home and residing installations require code compliant flashing (IRC Sec. R703.8) and weather resistive sheathing paper (IRC Sec. R703.2).
- **Kick-out flashing shall be installed where the lower portion of a sloped roof stops within the plane of an intersecting wall cladding, in such a manner as to divert or kick out water away from the assembly (IRC Sec. R.903.2.2 MSBC Amendment).**
- Removal and reinstallation of outdoor lighting and other electrical devices should be done by the homeowner or a licensed electrical contractor. If any additional lighting, relocation of lights or devices are to be added, an electrical permit is required.

INSPECTIONS:

- A final inspection is required.
- It is the permit holder's responsibility to call for all required inspections.

ON-SITE INFORMATION:

- The manufacturer's complete installation instructions must be on site at all times. If instructions are not provided, the installation must meet the requirements of the Vinyl Siding Institute.
- Each siding carton should be labeled indicating compliance with standard ASTM D 3679.
- On residing jobsites, a photograph is required for the final inspection showing that an approved weather resistant sheathing was installed (IRC Sec. R703.2).

METER READING BOXES:

- Meter boxes and wiring are often disturbed when new siding is installed. Call (952) 955-2681 with questions.