



Repairing My Exterior Siding After a Storm

MY EXTERIOR SIDING WAS DAMAGED DURING THE STORM. WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT REPAIRING MY SIDING?

Your exterior siding helps protect your home from moisture infiltration and damage to contents. The following information will help you with selecting a contractor and installing exterior siding after a storm.

Before Making Siding Repairs

- If your home is located in the first row of Texas counties bordering the Gulf of Mexico or in one of the following cities in Harris County that is East of HWY 146: La Porte, Morgan's Point, Pasadena, Seabrook, or Shore Acres, contact your insurance agent to determine if your repairs need to comply with the Texas Windstorm Building Code (TWBC).
- If repairs need to comply with the TWBC, talk to your insurance agent or adjuster about the Windstorm Inspection Program to maintain or obtain windstorm and hail insurance coverage.
- Repairs made and inspected to comply with the TWBC will receive a Certificate of Compliance, Form WPI-8, from the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI).
- Additional information on the Windstorm Inspection Program is available at www.tdi.state.tx.us or by calling (800) 248-6032.
- Contact your local building official for building requirements in your area.

Selecting a Contractor

How do I go about selecting a contractor to install my siding?

- Verify the name, address, telephone number, and references of your siding contractor.
- Make sure that the contractor is insured or bonded.
- Obtain and compare at least three written bids.
- Make sure that all agreements and terms of warranty are written and signed and that you receive a copy.
- Make sure that the exterior siding application is eligible for receiving a Certificate of Compliance, Form WPI-8, from the TDI if required by your insurance company.
- Final payment should **not** be made until all work is complete.
- Avoid door-to-door solicitors for damage repair work.

Beware of a contractor.....

- Who only wants cash.
- Whose references are all out of state.
- Who wants money before materials are on site.
- Who is not established.
- Who is not bonded or insured.
- Who offers "specials" or "extra-cheap work."

Siding Installation Requirements to the Texas Windstorm Building Code

1. What are the siding product choices for my house?

Homeowners have several choices on siding material types. Some of the most common siding materials for residential structures along the Texas coast is vinyl siding and fiber-reinforced cement exterior siding. In high wind areas, ensure that your siding products have published wind resistant ratings. For assistance in determining wind resistant ratings of siding products, refer to product information at www.tdi.state.tx.us or by calling (800) 248-6032.

2. Is my wall sheathing acceptable as it is or should it be reattached, or possibly replaced, while the existing siding has been removed?

Your wall sheathing should be inspected and any deteriorated or damaged wall sheathing replaced prior to the installation of new exterior siding.

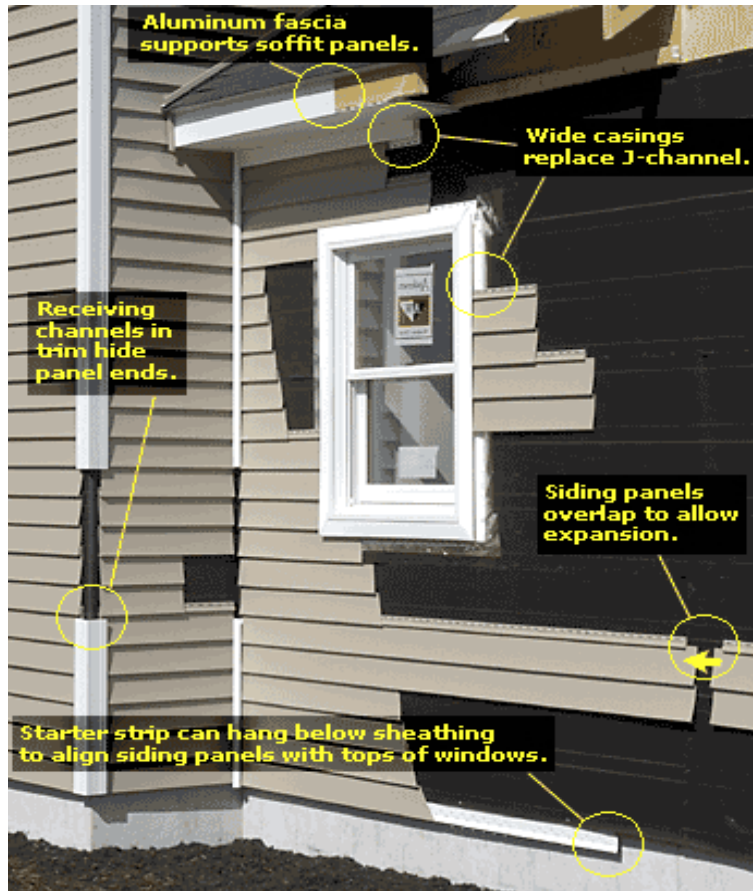


3. Should weather resistant sheathing material be applied to the wall prior to installing my siding?

Typically, weather resistant material such as asphalt felt or other approved weather-resistant materials shall be applied to the wall prior to installing most exterior siding products.

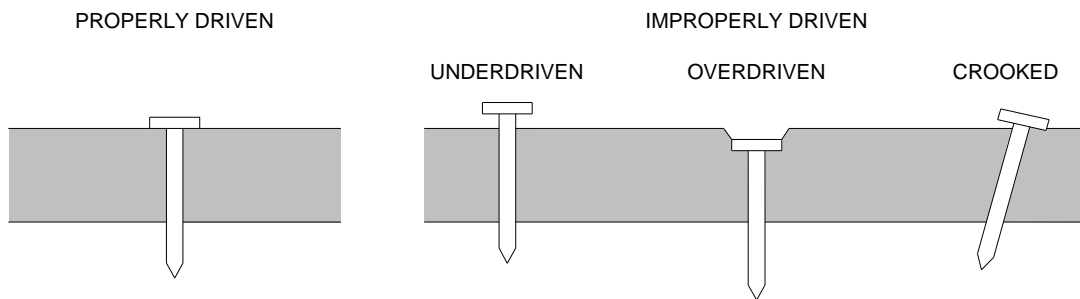
4. How should siding products be installed?

Siding products shall be installed in strict accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions and their tested high wind application. Approved product information is available at www.tdi.state.tx.us or by calling (800) 248-6032.



5. What kind of fasteners should be used to install my siding products?

Typically, siding products will be installed using corrosion resistant fasteners such as nails. Fasteners specified in their tested high wind application shall be used. Fiber cement siding may be installed with the fastener heads exposed or concealed, according to the approved manufacturer's installation instructions. The fasteners shall be properly driven. Avoid underdriving or overdriving the fasteners.



Properly and Improperly Driven Fasteners in Fiber Cement Siding