



City of Toledo

Building Inspection Division

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INFORMATION, QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT VINYL & OTHER SYNTHETIC SIDING

I AM THINKING ABOUT INSTALLING VINYL SIDING ON MY HOME. IS THERE ANYTHING I SHOULD KNOW?

While vinyl siding is an alternative to painting your home, you should know that damaged wood siding and its underlying structure, while hidden, could continue to rot from hidden moisture. Also, you may want to be aware that the historic character and significance of your home could be reduced with synthetic siding.

WHY SHOULD HISTORIC CHARACTER BE IMPORTANT TO ME?

Each home contributes to the overall charm and historic character of our city's neighborhoods. The original wood siding and carpentry details of your home are authentic and unique. Vinyl should be thoughtfully and carefully applied to protect as many of the details, which contribute to the historic character of a home as possible.

WHAT TYPE OF PERMIT IS NEEDED TO INSTALL VINYL SIDING?

A Building Registration is required for siding installation. For properties in a designated historic district, a Certificate of Appropriateness is required prior to permit issuance.

WHAT IF I WANT TO COVER OVER A WINDOW OR DOOR WITH VINYL OR ALUMINUM SIDING?

We strongly recommend that you **do not cover over doors or windows with siding**. However, if you choose to pursue this option, you must state that on your permit application.

ARE THERE ANY STEADFAST RULES WHEN IT COMES TO VINYL SIDING?

Yes, you should be aware of the following:

- "Jumping" or siding over existing window and door casings, is not permitted.
- Siding shall closely match the original siding in placement, size, proportion and general appearance.
- Siding shall not be applied over brick, stone, stucco or other masonry surfaces.
- Siding shall be installed in such a manner as to minimize damage to the historic siding beneath.