HOMEOWNER CARE & MAINTENANCE GUIDE

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Cleaning your siding

Please follow these recommendations on caring for your Fiberplank products. Damage to siding arising from improper cleaning or maintenance may not be covered by the Fiberplank warranty.

Follow these recommendations to clean the exterior of your home and to help maintain the beauty and value of your Fiberplank siding.

Wash down the exterior surfaces every 6 to 12 months with a garden hose to remove dirt and debris, gently clean the siding with the soft brush or wet soft cloth in a side to side motion in the direction of the plank siding. TIP: Clean by working small sections at a time, starting your way down to prevent dripping or streaking onto the cleaned area.

A low pressure water spray* and a soft medium bristle (nonmetal) brush is most suitable for cleaning fiber cement products. Acid and high pressure washing can damage the fiber cement surface and is not recommended.

Clean Fiberplank products by using water and a soft brush or cloth. For stubborn dirt or stains, a mild detergent and a soft brush may be used. For paint applied in the field, refer to the paint manufacturer for washing and maintenance requirements.

SOFT ALL PAINT BRUSH

HORSEHAIR BRUSH

CHIP BRUSH

SIDING BRUSH

General Maintenance

Maintaining the exterior of your home helps prevent water intrusion and is an important part of sustaining the beauty and value of your home. The extent and nature of maintenance will depend on the design of your house, its geographic location, the amount of weather and sun exposure, and the landscaping near your house. As a guide, it is recommended that normal care and maintenance tasks include:

- Installing gutters and downspouts on your home if they are not already present when you purchased the home.

- Cleaning out your gutters, blocked pipes, and overflows as required.

- Keeping vegetation such as shrubs, bushes, and small trees trimmed back and away from the home and siding.

- Adjusting sprinkler systems so they do not excessively spray on walls or continuously soak the ground near your house.

- Avoiding direct contact with deicing salts. The salts may prematurely damage the finished look of the siding. Fiberplank recommends the use of sand or gravel to manage snowy or icy surfaces near siding.

- Ensuring required external ground clearances and drainage slopes are maintained. Do not in fill landscaping up to the siding.

It is a good practice to keep gutters, blocked pipes, and overflows clean of any debris, leaves, twigs and dirt.

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*PRESSURE WASHER WARNING:
Extra care should be taken when cleaning your siding and trim using a pressure washer. To minimize the chance of damaging your siding and trim use a wide fan tip, keep a minimum of 2 meters from the wall and keep the pressure below 1500 psi.

Re-Painting / Repair

NOTE: Do not use stains or oil-based/alkyd paints on Fiberplank products. For additional information on finishing Fiberplank products, download Technical Bulletin from fiberplank.com

REPAIR OR PATCHING

Re-apply caulking when it has begun to show signs of wear. This can help keep moisture from getting into the wall cavity. These areas include, but not limited to, penetrations, flashings, plank and trim connections, and in some cases, between plank joints.

NOTE: Fiberplank recommends the use of caulks and sealants that remain permanently flexible. Look for the words "permanently flexible" written clearly on the label or in the accompanying literature. For best results, use an Elastomeric Joint Sealant complying or a Latex Joint Sealant . Caulking/sealant must be applied in accordance with the caulking/sealant manufacturer's written instructions.

Dents, chips, cracks and other minor surface damage in Fiberplank siding and trim products can be filled with cementitious patching compound. Refer to manufacturer's recommendations for products that are compatible with fiber cement.

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