

Tech Bulletin #5

Care and Maintenance



Congratulations on your purchase of Cedar Valley Shingle panels! Caring for your new siding is a simple process. While our panels can be left untreated to weather naturally, Cedar Valley Shingle Systems strongly recommends you coat our panels with a pigmented stain for wood sidings. (See Tech Bulletin #3) Both new and weathered cedar looks can be achieved in this manner and pigmented stains will extend the life of your new siding.

Cleaning:

Cedar Valley siding panels will become dirty like any other product that is exposed to atmospheric conditions. They can be cleaned with the help of a garden hose and a bucket of soapy water. Rinse the siding from the ground up to reduce any streaking and use the soapy water only for any grimy or hard to clean areas.

Caution: Never use a pressure washer to clean or strip cedar shingles! It will alter the surface texture of the wood resulting in a blotchy appearance!

Maintenance:

Maintenance of your Cedar Valley siding should also include sealing or coating the panels to help retain an original or predetermined color. The time span between coatings is determined by the type of coating applied to the panels. Cedar Valley recommends a minimum semi-transparent stain for exterior wood siding. For

lower maintenance select a solid body stain or oil primer and solid top coat. Consult a local staining contractor to assist you in determining the type of coating on your panels. Before restaining your siding, check the joints around windows, doors and wall penetrations.

Remove any old exposed caulking and reseal the joints with a weather resistive silicone sealant. Nail down the bottom edges of any shingles that are loose. Replace any missing shingles and repair any damaged shingles by prying off the old one and installing a new one. (Call the factory at 1-800-521-9523 to request a repair kit that includes shingles, felt, nails and repair instructions.)

IMPORTANT: FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

Owners and installers should take precautions to protect the building from significant sources of flame or heat such as barbecues and combustible materials such as dry leaves, mulch and trash. These items should always be kept away from the home.

Extended Coating Warranty:

If you have purchased a Cedar Valley factory finished product, see your warranty for maintenance requirements. Your siding panels may qualify for an extended coating warranty.

