

## Tech Bulletin #5

## Care and Maintenance



Congratulations on your purchase of Cedar Valley Shingle panels! Caring for your new siding is a simple process. Cedar Valley Manufacturing, Inc. strongly recommends you factory finish 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.

#### Maintenance:

Maintenance of your Cedar Valley siding should 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. An average time between maintenance coats normally is:

1. 2-4 years for two coats of factory applied semi-transparent stain
2. 5-7 years for two coats of factory solid body stain
3. 8-12 years for 1 prime coat plus 1 factory applied acrylic topcoat.

Cedar Valley recommends a minimum two coats of semi-transparent acrylic stain for exterior wood siding. Oil based semi-transparent stains may in some cases be a one coat application. 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. Always refer to the paint or stain manufacturer's recommendations.

#### Restaining your siding:

When it is time to restain your siding, initial preparation is important for best results. 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. Shingle edges by nature may curl up, these are not considered loose shingles. 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.) Finally, clean the siding and allow to dry thoroughly.

#### 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, premixed "shingle wash" and a medium-firm bristled brush or broom. Wet the siding and use the brush to lightly scrub the shingles with the "shingle wash". When finished, rinse the siding from the ground up to reduce any streaking and re-treat any grimy or hard to clean areas. *Environmentally friendly "Shingle Washes" can be purchased at any paint supply store. Follow can directions when applying.*

**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 and can even damage the cedar!**

#### 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. For homes in high fire risk regions of the country Cedar Valley "Cal Stack" siding meets the W.U.I. fire codes and is approved by the California State Fire Marshal's building materials listing program. In addition, Cedar Valley offers a topically applied factory finish Class "A" fire retardant treatment for all our panelized products.

#### 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.



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