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RESIDENTIAL RE-SIDING
Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Why do I need a permit to re-side my house?
Your permit allows the building department to inspect for potential hazards and unsafe construction. By ensuring your project meets the minimum building code standards of safety, the building department can reduce the risk of fire, structural collapse and other issues that might result in costly repairs, injuries and even death. Inspections complement the contractor's experience and act as a system of checks and balances that can result in a safer project.

2. May I, as the owner, do the re-side myself?
Yes.

3. Will my siding be inspected?
Yes, the permit holder must call for possibly a Framing inspection (if there was damage to framing), a Sheathing inspection, a Moisture Barrier (House Wrap) inspection and a Final Siding inspection.

4. What is house wrap?
House wrap is a water resistive barrier installed behind an exterior wall covering that is intended to resist water that has penetrated behind the exterior covering from further intruding into the exterior wall assembly.

5. Are there any flashing requirements?
Yes. Flashing must be installed over all exterior openings, continuously above all projecting wood trim and at all wall and roof intersections.

7. Are there other requirements?
Yes. All siding material must be of weather resistant material and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and the building code. In addition, if your neighborhood has a Homeowners Association, we advise you to contact them prior to making any changes in your exterior covering materials.

Tips on hiring contractors

- Hire only licensed contractors.
- Get at least 3 bids.
- Get 3 references, and ask to see a project.
- Get it in writing, but before you sign the contract make sure you completely understand it.
- Do not make final payment until a Certificate of Completeness (CC) has been issued and until you are satisfied.
- Have the contractor apply for the required permits.

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