

Siding - FAQs

What can be done to improve the appearance and durability of my home's exterior?

Maybe you're tired of dealing with peeling paint and rotting clapboards. And you wonder, "Will another coat of paint really hide the weather-worn condition of my wood siding? And even if it can, is it worth the cost?" Or maybe you're thinking about replacing warped hardboard siding...or getting rid of dated asphalt or asbestos siding...or eliminating dented metal siding...or giving a fresh, contemporary look to masonry walls.

Then now's the time to switch to the easy-care beauty of vinyl siding. A wide choice of styles, colors and trim options makes it simple to create the look you want for your home—whether it's a contemporary colonial or a 120-year old farmhouse.

New siding will rejuvenate an older home, give it a completely new look and significantly reduce costs for home upkeep and maintenance. With a full range of trim, soffit and accessory options available in a host of different decorator colors, virtually any look can be achieved to improve the appearance and durability of your home's exterior.

Compare the ongoing costs of painting every three to five years to a one-time investment in new vinyl siding. For most homeowners the conclusion is obvious—vinyl siding is by far the better long-term value.

Why should I consider the trim options?

Many homeowners have some type of siding, but the trim is painted. Painting trim is tedious and time consuming. Most homeowners don't keep up with it and as a result, the trim rots and causes structural issues with the home. In the case of soffit and fascia, typically, this area rots out enough for animals to get into the house. You can avoid the hassle of painting and extend the life of your home with our various trim options.

What is crown molding?

Similar to the molding in your home, Crown molding is an architectural feature that dresses up your home. Crown molding is mounted on the frieze board under the eaves and gables. Crown molding can be done in a different color than your siding to accentuate the appearance of your home. Not only does it improve the appearance of your home, but it increases the marketability as well when you sell your home. This option is very important in neighborhoods where all the houses look the same.

What accessories and trim are available?

When you design the exterior of your home, you should think about more than just siding. You'll need trim for windows and doors, and at inside and outside corners. You also may need soffit to finish the underside of eaves, or for a porch ceiling or entry overhang.

We can create a finishing touch that sets your home apart is easy because Franzoso Contracting, Inc. offers a complete range of easy-care accessory and trim options. Standard trim lets you merge siding and trim pieces to create a balanced, uniform look. Our decorative accessories provide the premium look of hand-crafted beauty. These trim products give you an exceptional way to add special elegance at windows, doors, corners and other key accent areas.

How does vinyl siding compare with other siding materials?

In a way, it's almost no contest. When compared to wood, brick, stone, stucco, and metal sidings on the basis of initial cost, maintenance costs, appearance, durability and value, vinyl siding is clearly superior.

There is a broad range of vinyl siding products, so you can choose one that's easily affordable. Whichever you choose, you can expect the highest quality and lasting beauty. Vinyl siding never needs painting or staining. It doesn't chip, peel, dent or rot, so you can forget costly repairs. Just rinse occasionally with a garden hose.

What exterior design options do I have with vinyl siding?

Vinyl siding is one of the most versatile exterior design products you can work with. Franzoso Contracting, Inc. offers many different vinyl siding lines. That broad selection lets you choose among a wide variety of design options, including horizontal and vertical siding; traditional clapboard and authentically detailed "shaped" sidings; wide and narrow panel exposures; smooth, subtle and deep wood grain textures; plus a wide assortment of traditional and contemporary colors.

Not sure what "exact look" you want? Just check out the many styles that are available, right here on our Web site.

How does the cost of vinyl siding compare to the added resale value it provides?

In terms of adding resale value to your home, vinyl siding is one of the best investments you can make. In its annual survey of project cost versus added value, *Remodeling* magazine said

that "the highest payback comes from projects that give an older home the same features that have become standard in new homes."

Exterior improvements such as the installation of vinyl siding also make a home more attractive on the market. According to a real estate agent interviewed by *Remodeling*, "Things like new siding and new windows will not add dollar for dollar value... (but) they will cause the house to sell quicker for more money."

Another point to keep in mind: if, like many homeowners, you add insulation to an older home at the same time you're having vinyl siding installed, you add even greater value and market appeal to your home.

My home is partially brick and partially wood siding. Can I still use vinyl siding?

Sure. Vinyl siding is extremely versatile and can be used with just about any exterior building material—brick, cinder block, even natural logs and field stones.

If you have special installation concerns—such as running vinyl siding along a natural stone chimney, talk to your sales consultant. He's probably handled a similar installation in the past.

As a homeowner, that's important. Because it means you're working with a professional team—a qualified contractor with a knowledgeable, experienced technical support group behind him.

Is vinyl siding really as durable as everyone says?

Absolutely. The correct technical name for the material used in vinyl siding is polyvinyl chloride. It's a strong, durable, proven material that has earned a solid reputation for its beauty and permanence. It's used in automotive applications, medical devices, defense weapons, appliances, floor coverings, and of course, home construction. It's ideal as an exterior material because vinyl siding doesn't rot, crack, dent or warp. Plus it never peels or blisters.

Is one season better than another to have my new siding installed?

Not really. You can have your vinyl siding installed in any season, as your schedule and budget allow. But keep in mind that some contractors are more available during the off-seasons. Regardless of when you have your new siding installed, you'll enjoy the immediate benefits of improved appearance, as well as the long-term benefits of durability and easy maintenance