

A Renovation Rollout Reminder: *(The Do and Don't of Hardie Board)*

By John Sisker – a continuation of prior requirements

The wood on all units are being replaced with Hardie-Plank Trim and Lap Siding. Hardie-Plank looks like real Wood but isn't - its Concrete! It's an eco-friendly, green product that won't burn and termites can't eat.

Hardie Board Care Tip: Hardie Board is Concrete – so when hanging any decorative items/lights please use clip-on fasteners. Nails and screws will just bend; damage the board and void the warranty! Likewise, the damage costs for repair created by not following these simple guidelines, will then be passed on to the registered owner of the unit.

Therefore remember... **DO NOT ATTACH ANYTHING** to the Hardie fascia or siding, including, but not limited to holiday lights, flag holders, screws, hooks, nails, staples, etc., unless done so accordance to these simple requirements.

Local hardware stores, such as Home Depot, has easy solutions to the restricted methods if you do want to attach anything to the Hardie-Plank and Lap Siding, including the clip-on fasteners as mentioned before. Also included in this acceptable list is the Damage-Free Picture Hanging Strips, that holds strong, removed easily and works of a variety of surfaces, and most importantly, will not put unwanted holes in the Hardie-Plank siding.

If you do insist on simply hammering nails into the Hardie-Plank anyway, or even use screws, not only will this damage the surface and integrity of the Hardie-Plant itself, but you have now created holes where water can seep into, getting beyond this surface covering, into the studs and inner walls itself, not only creating the opportunity for internal rot, plus the extra moisture will also attract termites. Don't void the warranty, do this the right way to begin with, and will also be avoiding the repair costs that will simple be handed over to you personally.

Thanks,



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