

Vinyl Siding

Visual Inspection for Homeowners

Start doing a full walk around the house, inspecting from ground level to the roof. Note the overall condition and look for any obvious issues before focusing in on specific areas.

- ☐ **General Condition of Panels**
 - Missing, loose, rattling or pulling away from the wall
 - Cracked, chipped or damaged
 - Warping, buckling or bulging (especially near areas of sun exposure)
 - Proper overlap (no large gaps)
- ☐ **Check Color & Appearance**
 - Uneven or significant color fading
 - Spray marks or sap from trees, grills, insecticides or lawn equipment
- ☐ **Inspect Openings**
 - Ensure flashing is present and properly installed around windows & doors
- ☐ **Signs of Moisture Damage**
 - Mold, mildew or algae growth (green/dark stains)
 - Water streaks beneath seams, windows or trim
 - Soft spots or discoloration
- ☐ **Caulking & Sealant**
 - Cracking or peeling of caulking around windows, doors & trim
 - Seams and joints at-risk of water intrusion, improperly sealed
- ☐ **Fasteners & Attachments**
 - Nails or fasteners popping-out or visible where they shouldn't be
 - Fixtures (lights, vents, outlets, hose bibs etc.) insecurely sealed to siding
- ☐ **Pests & Wildlife**
 - Signs of ant or pest trails on siding
 - Visible holes, gnaw marks or nests (especially under eaves and at corners)
- ☐ **Ground & Landscaping Clearance**
 - Trees, shrubs or vegetation making direct contact with siding
 - Bottom edge of siding less than 6" above ground or mulch
- ☐ **Gutters, Downspouts & Water Management**
 - Improper direction of water
 - Overflow staining or rot near gutterlines