

Seasonal Care

- ☐ **Spring**
Loose or cracked panels caused by winter ice or wind: Small cracks can worsen overtime as moisture seeps in and freezes, making early repairs key
Clogged gutters: As overflowing water can cause streaks or stains, or even seep into walls
- ☐ **Summer**
Heat distortion from grills, outdoor heaters or reflective surfaces, like windows: They can cause warping due to vinyl softening at high temperatures
Spray marks from insecticides or pesticides: Depending on the specific formula's base, insecticide sprays can cause staining, discoloration or result in a yellowish tint due to a chemical reaction between the spray and vinyl
- ☐ **Fall**
Leaves and debris at the base of siding: as trapped moisture, can stain or damage lower panels
Trees or shrubs that could potentially make contact with siding during periods of high winds
- ☐ **Winter**
Piles of snow against house
Ice melt products degrading the surface of vinyl
- ☐ **All Seasons**
After storms and periods of strong winds, always check for loose nails or missing or damaged siding panels

Inspect and Clean Your Gutters

Your gutters play a crucial role in protecting your siding by channeling water away from your home. Clogged gutters can cause water to overflow, leading to water damage on your siding. During the summer, make sure your gutters are clear of debris like leaves, twigs, and dirt. If necessary, install gutter guards to prevent future clogs and keep the water flowing freely. After cleaning your gutters, check the downspouts to ensure they are properly directing water away from your foundation and siding.

By following these simple maintenance tips, you can ensure that your vinyl siding stays clean, intact, and looking fresh all year long. Regular care and attention will not only enhance your home's curb appeal but also prolong the life of your siding. **If you notice any damage, have questions or want professional help maintaining your vinyl siding, call [Morrell & Cullen Home Improvement at \(413\) 842-5303](tel:4138425303) and we'll be more than happy to assist you!**
