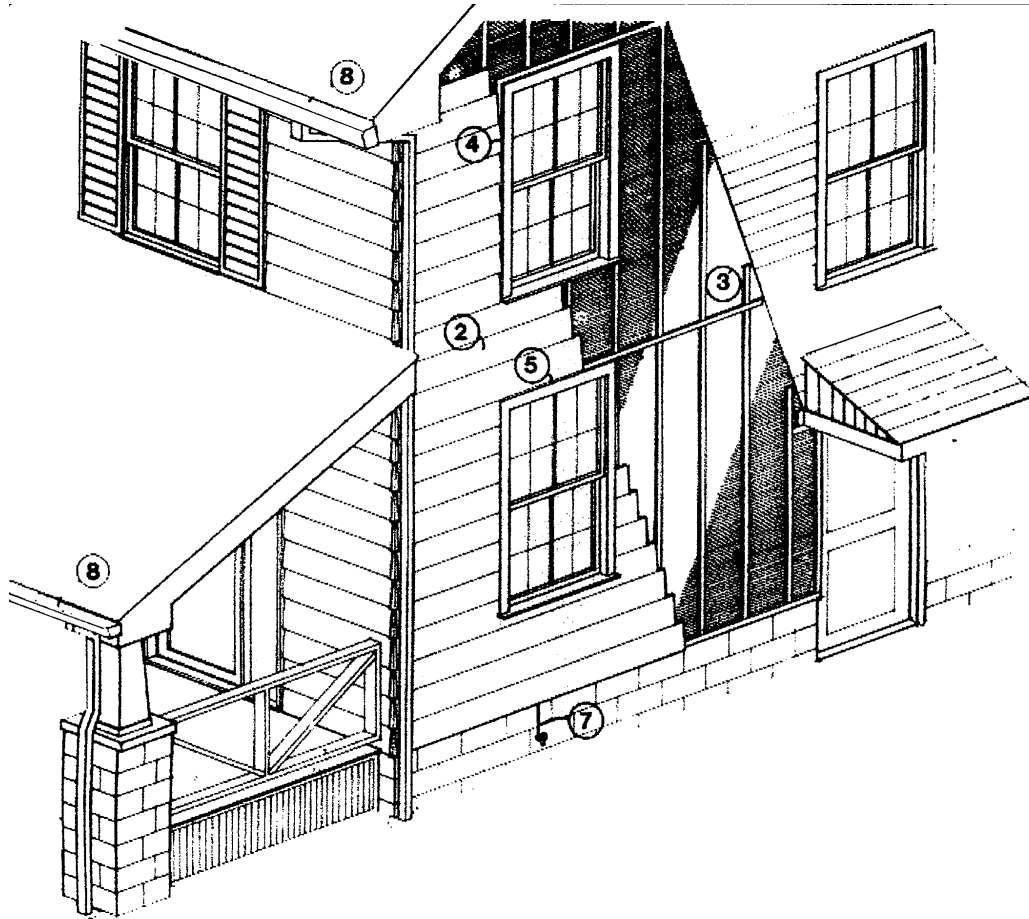


Siding Application



Requirements for Siding Installation

Although most homeowners will not be installing siding themselves, it is important to be aware of the following requirements:

1. Before installing aluminum or vinyl siding, a permit must first be obtained from the Building Department.
2. The minimum thickness allowed for aluminum siding is .024 inches.
3. The siding shall be installed over furring strips.
4. Ends of siding, butting wood trim (around doors and windows), shall be squarely cut, tightly fitted and caulked, where necessary.
5. Siding over heads of openings, such as windows and doors, shall be separately flashed or drip caps installed.
6. Maximum width of siding between horizontal joints shall not exceed 10 inches.
7. The installer shall be responsible for properly isolating the metal from electrical contacts by satisfactorily grounding the siding to the cold water supply piping on two opposite sides of the structure.
8. Gutters shall not be less than .027 inches thick and shall be installed so as to properly dispose of water from roofs. When gutters are replaced and reinstalled, they are to be connected to a storm sewer. Gutters shall be assembled so as to prevent leakage. **NOTE: Due to energy conservation measures, more attention is being given to insulated siding. Factory laminated backer board and separate, drop-in backer panels are the two most popular being used, and they do have some "R" value (see page #). If the home is in need of insulation, it is recommended that blown-in insulation be installed prior to installing siding. When reflector foil is being used, it shall be perforated to allow passage of water vapor. The foil should be installed with the shiny side facing the air space. Foil is placed as close as possible to openings and around corners where air leaks are more likely to occur.**