

Home Doctor



The Home Doctor Will See You Now



Fiber cement siding can help homeowners reduce energy and maintenance costs and increase comfort, while helping the environment.

(NAPSA)—The Home Doctor answers questions about environmentally-friendly remodeling.

Q: I'm planning on remodeling my home soon, and I would like to replace my old wood siding. Do you know of any siding on the market that is environmentally friendly and offers the style choices available with wood siding?

A: In an increasingly eco-conscious world, savvy homeowners are looking for ways to make their homes as "green" as possible. Not only does going green have a positive effect on the environment, it can also be beneficial to the homeowner by making the living area healthy and free of toxins. Remodeling an existing home can be one of the most environmentally friendly, resource-efficient actions that a homeowner can take.

For homeowners looking to replace the wood siding on their homes, fiber cement siding is an environmentally sound material that also offers style without the maintenance hassles of wood. Fiber cement siding has increased in popularity with builders over

the years because of its competitive price, woodgrain look and easy upkeep. Unlike wood siding, which requires constant maintenance and eventual replacement, fiber cement is a combination of Portland cement and wood fibers that has a wood-like appearance without the maintenance associated with wood.

CertainTeed fiber cement siding—both the WeatherBoards™ and ColorMax™ lines—has recently been enhanced to create an environmentally friendly, authentic-looking product that is available in a variety of styles and colors. The new formulation replaces sand with recycled fly ash and calcium carbonate, creating a product that is lighter in weight, reducing the energy required to produce and transport the siding.

So, as you prepare to replace your siding, remember green renovation offers the opportunity to reduce home energy demands, home maintenance costs and increase comfort, while doing something good for the environment.

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