

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## Don't Let Water Damage Drain Property Value *Thermoplastic Sheet Piling Halts Waterfront Erosion*

(NAPSA)—Homeowners with property on the water may soon wave goodbye to some costly maintenance and repair expenses.

Waterfront properties are constantly challenged by ever changing environmental conditions. The same water that can make a property desirable and valuable can also badly damage it by eroding the shoreline and destroying seawalls.

For years homeowners have attempted to ward off the effects of water using traditional building materials such as concrete, stone and metal—often with little success.

A product is now available that provides a good looking and effective form of erosion protection for waterfront homes, marinas and golf courses—wherever it is necessary to control water or retain soil.

Called C-LOC® sheet piling, the product is made from heavy-duty, exterior-grade engineered thermoplastic and is impervious to sunlight, salt water and marine borers.

Offered in 12-inch and 24-inch widths in an attractive clay color, C-LOC is guaranteed not to rot, rust, corrode, crack, crumble or peel—and because it is thermoplastic it is virtually maintenance free and environmentally friendly because it does not leach toxic chemicals into the water.

Sandy Wieher of Dunedin, Florida, used the sheets to reinforce a seawall on her property that was in danger of collapsing.

“The C-LOC panels looked much nicer than other vinyl products and were two feet wide, twice as wide as the competitors’,” says Wieher.

In addition, C-LOC is said to be easier and less costly to install than many alternative forms of



Science has developed material that may help deter the effects of erosion on waterfront property.



Interlocking C-LOC® vinyl sheet piling is available in a number of different sizes and styles for easy installation.

seawall material, while causing minimal damage to the landscape. Contractors can use standard equipment such as jackhammers or water jets when working with the product.

“The panels drive in easily with a vibratory hammer that I use,” says Myron Gibson, a professional contractor who has worked with the product since 1992. “In driving those panels

during installation, they take a lot of abuse, but they don't shatter. It's tough material.”

Because it installs quickly and outlasts many other bulkhead materials (the product is backed by a 50-year limited warranty) the thermoplastic sheet piling is considered by many to be a cost effective way to protect waterfront property.

“Our canal runs right out to the Gulf of Mexico,” says Wieher on her completed seawall. “We figure sooner or later we're going to get hit with a nasty hurricane. The neighborhood might be gone, but this seawall is going to be here for the next millennium.”

C-LOC panels are only sold through authorized dealers. For the name of the nearest supplier or for more information, contact Crane Products Ltd., P.O. Box 1898, Columbus, OH 43216-1898, or call 800-690-C-LOC (2562). Or visit the company's Web site at [www.c-loc.com](http://www.c-loc.com).