Permits, Inspections and Licenses
(Minimum of 2 days’ notice required for inspections)

A Building Permit is required for all siding projects beyond simple repairs. Contact the Building Official with questions about what constitutes a repair.

Contractors engaged in building projects are most often required to obtain a Contractor’s License or Remodelers License from the State of Minnesota. There are exceptions based on quantity of work and the number of disciplines performed. For more information contact the Building Official or Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry at (651) 284-5069.

Required inspections include a Water Resistive Barrier prior to installing siding, and a Final inspection when completed. Window, Siding, and Weather Barrier manufacture installation instructions shall dictate flashing materials to be used in conjunction with their products. All flashings shall be installed for inspection prior to covering. Please allow a minimum of 2 days for inspection requests. Photos will only be accepted with prior approval.

Siding Regulations per Minnesota State Energy Code

When replacing more than 50 percent of the total house wall area with new siding, a combustion air supply must be provided OR one of the following exceptions must be in place OR added in conjunction with the siding installation. Specify details at 1st on site inspection.

- The house is equipped with carbon monoxide alarms installed per the manufacturer’s installation requirements and Minnesota State Statute 299F.50 and 299F.51.
- The home contains all direct vent or all electric appliances for space and water heating.
- A worst case draft test is performed per the Minnesota Department of Commerce’s Minnesota Weatherization Field Guide. Documentation verifying that the vented appliances continue to draft within the established parameters of the Worst Case Draft Test procedure must be provided.
- A test has been performed according to the Canadian General Standards Board Standard 51.71 for depressurization limits, verifying that such standards have been met.
- A safety inspection has been performed and passed for each natural draft water or space heating appliance per Appendix D of the 2006 International Fuel Gas Code.

Electrical Permit Requirements

Re-installation of electrical fixtures commonly associated with residing a home requires an electrical permit and inspections. Contact Ted Hagfors at 320-396-2648 for required permits. Final inspection for the building permit will not be passed until electrical permit requirements are satisfied.