

Exteriors

The Bartlett Brainard Products Newsletter



Welcome to the Spring issue of *Exteriors*!

Thank you to all our customers who stopped by to say "Hello." at our booth in the Home Builder's Association Show during the first weekend in March. We enjoyed everyone's pent up winter energy being focused on their remodeling plans.

And Spring is finally here! It's time to clean up after the winter storms and start spring home projects. Let us help you with our seasonal task list and instructions on how to inspect your roof and clean your siding.

If you have any specific information requests, please call us at 860-233-4475. We are here to help you bring out the best in your home, with Quality You Can Trust!

Catherine Y. Davis

President

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Cleaning Vinyl Siding

The Vinyl Siding Institute recommends that you clean your vinyl siding every year to prevent heavy dirt build up. It's easy!



- Pick a day that is not too hot. .
- Rinse the siding with your garden hose, starting at the roofline and working down.
- Refer to your warranty for their specific instructions.

CertainTeed, a leading siding manufacturer, offers this recipe for a cleaning solution to remove mold and mildew: Combine 1/3 cup detergent (e.g. Tide), 2/3 cup Trisodium Phosphate (e.g. Soliax), 1 quart 5% Sodium Hypochlorite (e.g. Clorox) and 3 quarts of water.*

Always test any cleaning solution on an inconspicuous area before full use!

***Caution: Greater concentrations may cause damage to vinyl siding**

Pepper ... And Salt

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL



"We offer complete design, demolition, construction and marriage counseling with each renovation project."



**HOMEOWNER CHECKLIST
FOR THE SPRING:**

- Store your shovels and scrapers and bring out your garden tools!
- Set up your barbeque at least 10' from your siding.
- Repair torn window and door screens;
- Wash windows (on a cloudy day) and screens. Clean sliding door tracks (use an old toothbrush)
- Clean and check gutters. Don't forget to run the hose through the downspouts!
- Prune those bushes and trees that are touching your home.
- Clean deck to remove grime, pollen, fungus and mildew. If needed, apply stain.
- Replace burned-out light bulbs on outside light fixtures.
- Have your chimney cleaned and inspected. Every 10 years have silicone sealer applied.

Roof Inspection



Spring is the best time to inspect your roof to make sure it didn't sustain damage in the winter's storms. Repairing the damage right away will help prolong the life of your roof. Begin in the attic and look for water stains. For the outside inspection, the safest methods are using a pair of binoculars or a digital camera that has the capability of enlarging pictures on your computer. Inspect your roof for these warning signs:

- Shingles that are missing, loose, chipped or cracked
- Shingles with granules worn away
- Shingles with an abundance of lichen or mildew
- Chimney flashing that is rusty, corroded, chipped or broken

Also inspect your **gutters and downspouts** for damage. Are your downspouts misdirected and facing towards the foundation? Is there rust or pieces that are missing or cracked?

If you need repairs or would like our free roof analysis, please call us at **860-233-4475**

Savings

The American Taxpayer Relief Act has extended the tax credit through 2013, making it retroactive to January 1, 2012. It now includes projects which you did last year as well as those you take on this year. The tax credit is 10% of the cost of building materials for insulation, exterior windows and doors that meet Energy Star requirements. If you purchased these products from Bartlett Brainard last year, please contact us. We can tell you if they qualify and will email or mail the required paper work to you.



New Products

Mastic has introduced the Cedar Discovery Weathered Cedar Collection



Timber Stone



American Walnut



Natural Cedar



Cape Cod Gray



This new vinyl siding panel has medium texture and deep random grooves replicating the texture of real cedar shakes. It is available in colors which have subtle shading and color variations to recreate the look of naturally-weathered cedar.

This siding is made to withstand wind speeds up to 190 mph, has matching corner posts and the Mastic continuous locking system with the patented tornado-tough nail hem. Best of all, unlike real wood or cedar, you'll never need to paint or stain your Cedar Discovery shakes.

Screen Porches



If you are considering a new screen porch or your screens need replacing, consider these modern products.

Pet Resistant:

Pros: This strong polyester which resists damage by cats and dogs and is easy to clean.

Cons: Darker than aluminum or regular fiberglass

Tiger Wire:

Pros: Is very strong and provides security

Cons: More costly and appearance is darker



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This Farmington Cape Cod style home preserved its colonial charm by installing the historically accurate triple 3" Wolverine Restoration Smooth panel. The matte finish on this panel is designed in the tradition of the 17th century American craftsmanship and is often specified by many architects. The neighbors can hardly tell it's vinyl siding. A true beauty—now virtually maintenance free!

*Cathy,
Cal, Conrad, Dorek,
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Best Wishes for a Happy Spring!



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