

City of Hartford
Department of Development Services, Planning Division



Historic Preservation Guidelines - Tear Away Sheets

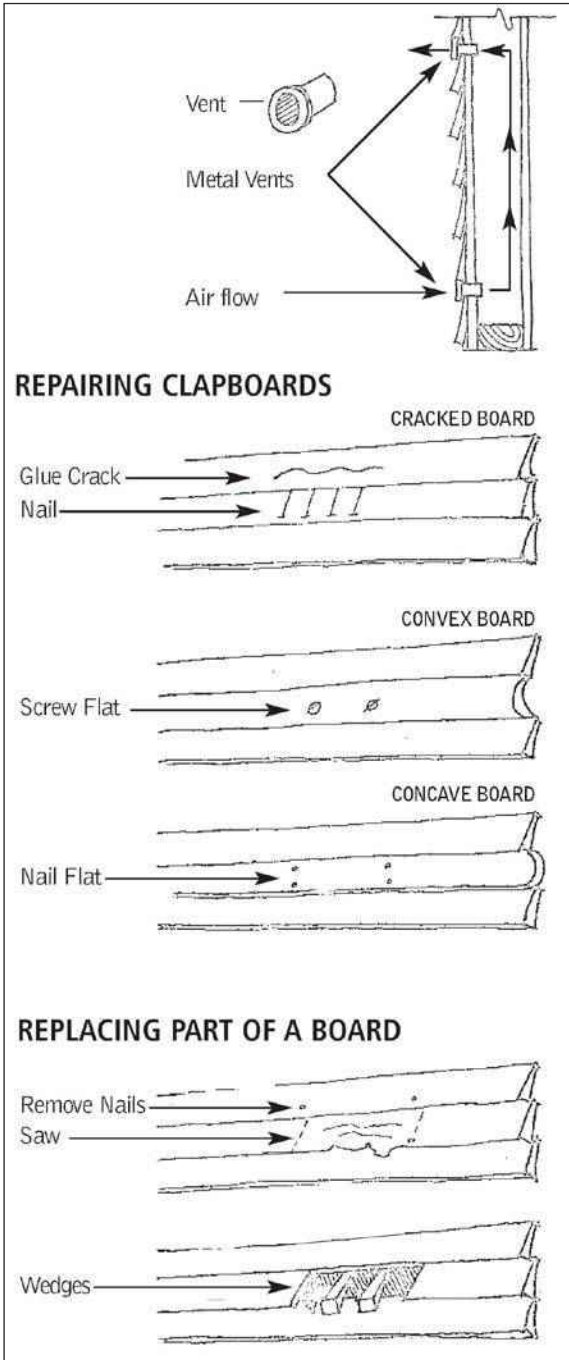
Siding

RECOMMENDED

- Repainting wooden sidings regularly to protect and maintain historic materials. Leaving deteriorated paint untreated can allow water to get into the building.
- Retaining original siding, architectural details, and corner elements.
- Repairing wooden siding by patching or reinforcing the existing wood.
- Replacing sections of siding that are extensively deteriorated or missing, and cannot be repaired. Re-siding should be done with like materials in a similar style.
- Ensuring that when substitute materials must be used, they are visually appropriate, chemically compatible, and will not damage or hide historic features. The substitute material should match the appearance of the historic material.

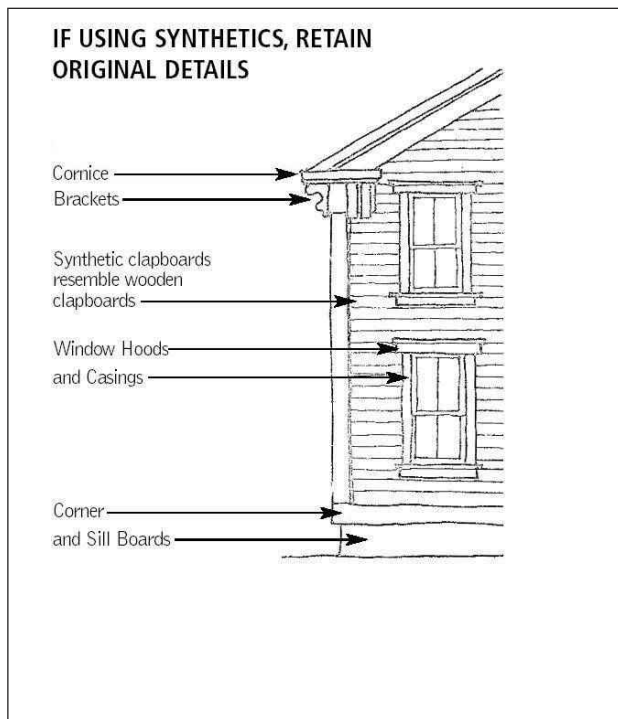
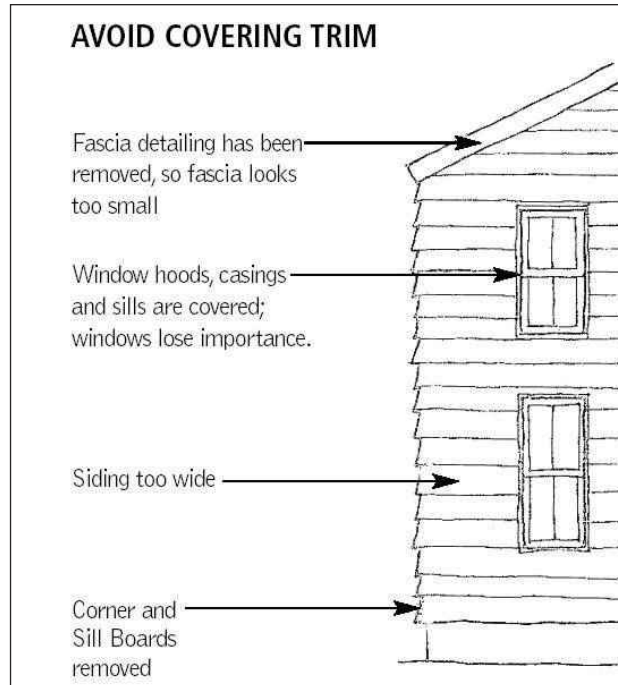
NOT RECOMMENDED

- Siding masonry buildings with substitute materials. Masonry buildings should not be sided with wood, aluminum, vinyl, or any material other than like masonry. When siding is applied directly onto masonry buildings, the nailing required to attach the siding can cause irreversible damage to the masonry.
- Allowing architectural details to be lost when re-siding a building.
- Removing or replacing siding that is not deteriorated.
- Removing siding and not replacing it.



Note – In very limited instances, vinyl siding may be considered an acceptable substitute material for wood buildings, particularly when the historic building has previously been sided with vinyl or aluminum. Siding with vinyl may be acceptable if:

- a) Walls are currently in good condition with no evidence of water damage or rotting. Peeling paint and stains are two indicators of deterioration. Moisture problems should be resolved before any cosmetic sidings are applied, because they may worsen and hide subsequent damage.
- b) The existing historic siding is deteriorated or damaged beyond repair.
- c) The vinyl siding can be applied without damaging or removing original materials.
- d) The vinyl siding will not hide architectural details and decorative trims. Accessory molding pieces should be fitted around architectural elements.
- e) A siding is chosen that matches the historic wooden siding in design, color, size, texture, and finish.



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