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6 Signs You Need New Siding

As a homeowner, you don't need to be particularly mechanically inclined, but you need to know the telltale signs that you are in need of maintenance or repair. One of the best ways to do this is by walking around your home each season to perform a visual inspection of both the interior and exterior. When walking around the exterior of your home, you must inspect your siding for signs that it is damaged. Below are some of the most common signs that your Fredericksburg, VA home is in need new siding.

Visible Signs of Damage

If there are any visible signs of damage such as cracks, dents, hail damage, discoloration, mold, or mildew—then it is time for new siding. Also, check for areas where birds, insects, rodents or animals may have damaged your siding. Sometimes, only a small area must be replaced or repaired.

Increased Heating or Cooling Bill

If your heating or cooling bill is gradually increasing or has spiked severely, it may be a sign that one of your home exterior elements is in need of replacement or repair. This could be the siding, but could also be the roof, windows, or doors. This is also the best time to upgrade the wall insulation as well. Whichever it may be, Integrity Contracting and Remodeling can inspect and repair or replace as needed.

Bubbling or Peeling Paint

Bubbling or peeling paint is often mistaken as a sign of aging. While aging could be a contributing factor, it is often an indicator that moisture has somehow found its way in.

Fading Paint Could Be a Sign That You Require New Siding

Paint can fade with age, but fades faster when the siding goes bad. Fading can be difficult to assess because you see your house daily, so the gradual changes may not be as apparent. Also, pay attention to whether or not siding on one side of your house is lighter or darker than paint on another side of your house.

Dry Rot

Dry rot can signal that your siding must be replaced. Tap on your wood siding with the handle of your screwdriver. If it feels spongy, instead of sound, you may have dry rot.

Peeling Wallpaper

If the wallpaper inside of your home is peeling or the paint is bubbling, it may be a sign that your siding is no longer doing its job. Remember that this may not occur throughout your home, and is most common around windows and doors.

By inspecting both the interior and exterior of your home at the start and end of each season, and after all major storms, you can identify areas of opportunity sooner rather than later. If there are any changes you are unsure of, we can come out and inspect for repair.