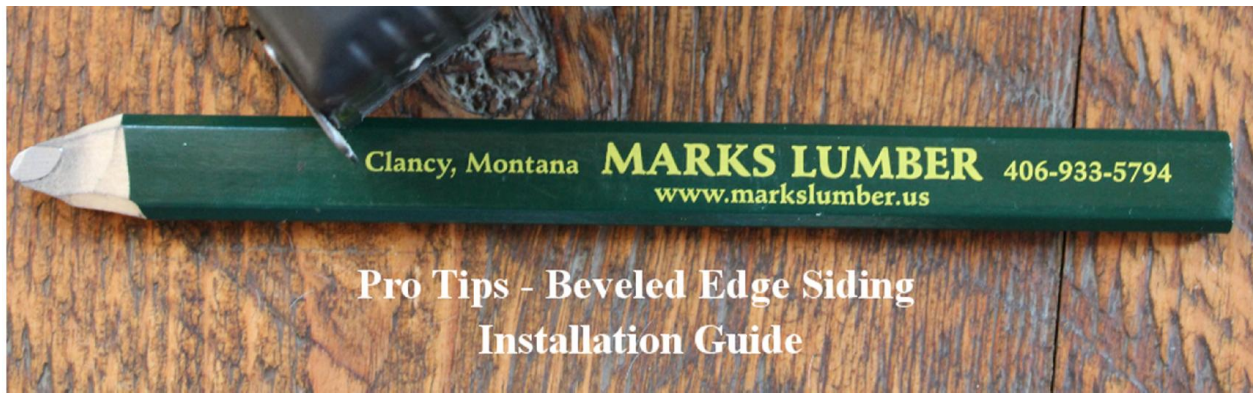


Important Installation Information



Overview

Proper installation of wood sidings is critical to their longevity. Marks Lumber recommends following Western Wood Products Association (WWPA) guide lines for installation and finishing of sidings. With correct installation and maintenance, wood sidings should last for decades.

Note: Wood never dies, it IS going to swell, shrink and move with changes in temp and humidity over it's life. Good installation techniques have been developed to take this absolute fact into account. Beveled Edge Siding REQUIRES chink to provide a complete protective barrier.

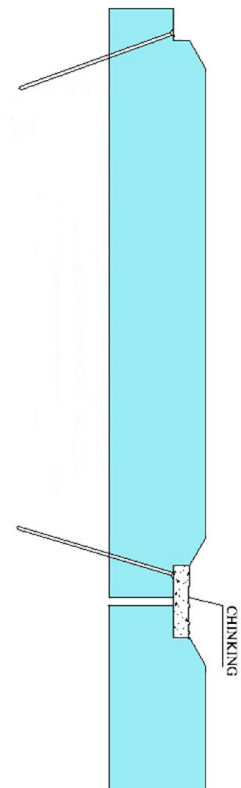
Step 1: Acclimation

As with most wood products, acclimatizing siding is critical to quality installation. Stacking siding materials with space between them for 10 days is recommended for dried Marks Lumber products.

Step 2: Pre-finishing

Finishing is obviously a critical step to achieving a quality, long-term installation, and in dry climates pre-finishing is advised especially for exterior applications. Both sides, edges, and all cut ends should be pre-finished or primed. Make sure pre-finish is compatible with the final finish products. Applying finish before installations makes sure that all of the material is protected, and streaking from shrinkage is avoided.

Note: Water-based finishes can add significant moisture to boards, and lead to swelling. Make sure that siding is allowed to re-dry and acclimate after pre-finish application, before installation.



Step 3: Installation

Natural wood siding should be installed over a weather resistive barrier for all sheathing materials. If sheathing or the weather resistive barrier gets wet prior to installation, allow surface to dry before siding is installed.

Wood screws are recommended for beveled edge siding. When siding is applied over wood-based sheathing, screw penetration should be 1 ½ inch. Because screws are close to the edge, pre-drilling pilots is recommended. When installed over sheathing, siding should be screwed to vertical studs on maximum 24 inch centers. If screwed directly to studs, 16 inch centers or less are called for.

Step 4: Maintain

Most finishes on natural wood sidings benefit from regular washings. A light pressure power wash with a product such as Perma-Chink Systems' Log Wash will remove dust and harmful pollen.

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This document draws heavily from the Western Wood Products Association guide lines. Complete installation guides can be purchased at their site:

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Do it Right, Do it Once!

To ensure the lasting beauty of Marks Lumber sidings,
proper installation is critical.