

SIDING

for Cleveland Landmarks and Districts

Cleveland Landmarks Commission



Siding

An appropriate type, material, and style of siding on the building can be determined by reviewing the architectural style, age, and original or existing siding. If the building has replacement siding already installed, it is important to assess the condition of the original siding underneath for restoration potential or to determine an appropriate new siding style and material.

Trim

Trim should be retained on historic buildings and not removed or covered. Any new trim or casing should be properly installed and functional to provide the important protection and aesthetic appearance for older and historic buildings.



Exteriors beyond siding and trim

Exterior elements can include porches, awnings and canopies, shutters, gutters and downspouts, foundations and chimneys, and more. They should be retained if original and not added or changed without documenting existing and researching appropriate options based on the building's architectural style and neighborhood context.

Keep in Mind

Decorative siding, trim, and accents should be retained and repaired when possible. If an accent is not able to be retained, it should be documented and replicated or replaced with a similar element.



Permits are Required

Before work begins on a siding project, a permit must be issued from the Cleveland Department of Building and Housing.

Review Process Details

Siding installation projects that include changes to the existing material, profile/reveal, style, and/or are located on the front or primary facades of a building may need to be reviewed through the Landmarks Commission Design Review process. Landmarks staff can assist with scheduling at landmarks@clevelandohio.gov.



Siding Installation

Repair is the preferred option over complete replacement. More information on siding installation can be found in the Residential Siding and Exterior Elements Guide. If the proposed siding replacement meets the criteria, Landmarks staff can administratively approve it.

Siding Installation Criteria

- Use of new material that matches the existing or original in style, profile, appearance, and material
- Use of wood, fiber-cement, or composite siding and trim material on front or primary facades
- Decorative siding or trim is not removed or no new style of siding and trim added
- Does not use standard vinyl clapboard, shingle, Dutch lap/drop siding, vertical siding on front or primary facades
- Does not cover exterior element not previously covered in siding

Landmarks Commission Design Review

Depending on the scope of work, a project may need to be reviewed through the Landmarks Commission Design Review process to receive a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Design Review Advisory Committee

Design Review Advisory Committees are organized by region and meet at regularly scheduled dates/times on the 1st and 3rd weeks of each month. These Committees are advisory to the Landmarks Commission.

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Projects are presented to the Landmarks Commission after they have been reviewed by the appropriate Design Review Advisory Committee. The Landmarks Commission meets at a regularly scheduled time on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

Landmarks Commission staff coordinates Design Review Advisory Committee meetings and will provide detail on what is required for the meetings.

