

## Housewrap Information Handout

# As of March 15, 2004, the City of Bloomington requires an inspection of the water resistive barrier, commonly known as housewrap.

### Inspections apply to the following:

- All new construction, residential and commercial.
- Any additions.
- Any re-siding projects where the existing exterior covering is being removed.

Note: Water resistive barriers are not required for detached accessory buildings.

Building and Inspection will not accept pictures as a substitute for an inspection.

#### Important considerations:

- Your permit card with the manufacturer's installation instructions must be on site for the housewrap and final inspection.
- If you change the product that was approved by the City for your permit, you must have the installation instructions at the job site.
- One-story houses will have one housewrap and a final inspection.
- Two-story houses, where scaffolding or other equipment must be set up, could potentially have a number of inspections. (At a minimum one side must be completely installed before an inspection.)
- All flashing must be in place for the housewrap inspection.
- You may not deviate from the manufacturer's installation instructions.
- Any rips, tears or holes should be repaired per the instructions and be done by time of inspection.
- An electrical permit is required if removing meter sockets, air conditioner shut-offs or similar electrical devices.
- Water meter remote devices will be remounted by the Utilities Division after re-siding. There is no charge for this service. Call 952-563-4910 to request the remount.

Failure to call for the required inspection(s) will require a minimum 8-foot by 8-foot section of siding be removed. The building inspector will determine the area. If within that area the manufacturer's installation instructions have not been followed, all siding shall be removed and the water barrier corrected and re-inspected.

#### **Additional contacts**

You may contact Xcel Energy at 1-800-895-4999 to have wires dropped or meters loosened.

952-563-8740