



## TAKE PRIDE IN THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME.

As a homeowner, home repair and maintenance projects can feel overwhelming. But the truth is, many projects can be completed in a matter of hours and can be relatively stress-free if you know what to do and have the proper tools.

This guide is provided to help you with some of the common repair and maintenance items you may be able to do yourself. This guide is by no means a replacement for professional services, but hopefully it will help you with some basic projects to keep your home up to community standards.

Also, if you do need to purchase replacement parts, supplies, and tools, we included a list of suppliers on the back of this guide.



## MATERIALS & SUPPLIES

### Capital Supply & Service

122 54th St SW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49548  
1 (800) 482-1125  
[www.capitolsupplyandservice.com](http://www.capitolsupplyandservice.com)

### Derby Sales

1091 E Laketon Ave  
Muskegon, MI 49442  
(231) 726-4901  
[www.derbysalesinc.com](http://www.derbysalesinc.com)

### Habitat for Humanity Restore

5920 Alpine Ave NW  
Comstock Park, MI 49321  
(616) 647-9292  
[www.habitatkent.org/restore](http://www.habitatkent.org/restore)

### Lowe's Home Improvement

4297 Plainfield Ave NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49525  
(616) 447-7904  
[www.lowes.com](http://www.lowes.com)

### Wilson's Supplies & Mobile Home Parts

9442 E 88th St  
Howard City, MI 49329  
(231) 937-6556  
[www.wilsonsmobilehome.com](http://www.wilsonsmobilehome.com)



## HOW-TO GUIDE

### EXTERIOR REPAIR & MAINTENANCE

Common Exterior Home Repair Projects For Your Manufactured House

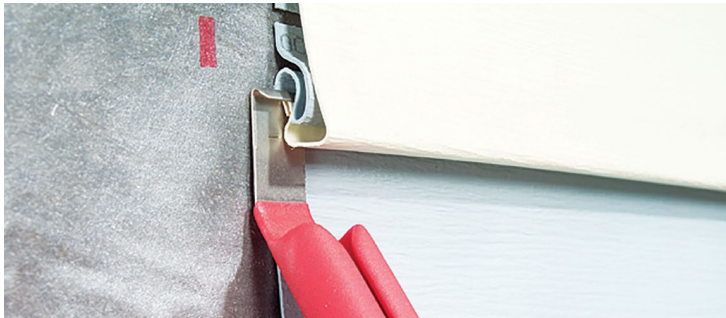


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# VINYL SIDING

The following steps will help you successfully replace an entire section of siding:

- Use a **zip tool** to unlock the siding from above and below the damaged piece.
- Remove (pry out) the nails from the nailing strip.
- Remove the damaged siding.
- Situate the new siding in place of the old piece, locking it into the lower piece.
- Verify that the new piece of siding correctly overlaps the existing siding and that it rests seamlessly into corner fittings.
- Drive nails in the nailing strip of the replacement siding close to where the old nails were driven.
- Do not drive the nails too deep. They should be left flush with the nailing strip to allow for expansion and contraction without buckling.
- Use the zip tool to lock the upper piece of siding to the new piece.



# SKIRTING

Whether you are installing new vinyl skirting or repairing your old, here's some tips to make your skirting stay put and look better.

## Vinyl Skirting Wind Rods

Use metal rods called wind-rods to keep the skirting from blowing out of the top track. The rods slide down in the seam of the skirting and hook up under the lip of the top track. Use them in every second or third seam.



## Vinyl Skirting Clean Corners

Make your corners look neat by notching and wrapping around both the bottom and top track. The skirting itself should also be folded around the corner.

## Securing Skirting

Secure the skirting to the bottom track using screws to prevent blow-outs. **DO NOT SCREW THE SKIRTING TO THE TOP TRACK**, use only the wind rods.

## Cutting/Trimming Vinyl Skirting

A circular saw makes quick work of cutting vinyl skirting. Be sure to either use a fine-toothed backwards sawblade, or a solid metal-cutting blade. A pair of tin snips also works good for cutting vinyl skirting.

**Replacement skirting can be purchased through Capital Supply & Service or Wilson's Supply (listed on back).**



# WASHING

While using a pressure washer is the most efficient way to wash your home (they can be affordably rented from most hardware stores), you can still easily clean your siding, soffit, fascia, and skirting with a long-handled nylon-bristled scrub brush and bucket of dish soap and water. For more stubborn stains, try mixing 1 gallon water with 1 cup oxygen bleach or equal parts water and vinegar.

**HANDY TIP: Clean from bottom to top, and then rinse from top to bottom to avoid streaking.**

# ROOF, SOFFIT, & FASCIA

If your non-shingled roof needs to be resealed, you can purchase a 5-gallon bucket at most home-improvement stores for less than \$80.



Vinyl soffit should be tucked into the "f-channel" connected to the house and then nailed to the underside of the board the fascia rests on.

Aluminum fascia should be tucked under the drip edge under shingles and then nailed in with white-coated nails. The lip should cover the edge of the soffit.

**HANDY TIP: Pick up a pair of snips for easily cutting siding, soffit, and fascia.**



# PAINTING & STAINING

Common areas that require painting or staining are steps, decks, and aluminum siding. Decks and steps may need to be restained annually.

- Purchase a paint or stain that compliments the exterior of your home.\*
- Thoroughly clean surface and let dry.
- If old paint is chipping, use a metal scraper to remove excess paint to smooth out surface.
- Use a proper brush or roller and apply at least 2-3 coats of paint or stain. Be sure to let the paint or stain dry between coats.

\* All new paint colors must be approved by community management.