



## BULLETIN

***SUBJECT: Cleaning Hardboard Siding***

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### GENERAL:

It is recommended that hardboard siding be cleaned once per year. This normally would be carried out using a soft brush or sponge along with a mild detergent mixed with water. This cleaning is, in fact, a condition of our warranty and the consequences from dirt and mildew are beyond our control. On rare occasions, stubborn dirt cannot be removed effectively. We have assessed many commonly available cleaners and detergents. We are able to recommend the use of specific cleaners which will remove all types of dirt very easily. These are available nationally.

### SUMMARY:

The most effective cleaners to help removal of all types of dirt from hardboard siding, are *Spray Nine*, *Fantastic* and *Mr. Clean* liquid. In all cases, the cleaners also include some mildewcide which will remove stains caused by mould and mildew. Other cleaners like *Spic & Span* liquid, siding cleaners and dry soap/detergents like *Comet* are **not** recommended as they are not effective.

### DIRECTIONS FOR USE:

1. All cleaning agents should be used as directed;
2. Warm water for dilution/cleaning is preferable;
3. Pre-wetting the surface facilitates the cleaning;
4. A medium soft cleaning sponge works well;
5. Nylon scrub brushes are not recommended;
6. Moderate to light scrubbing pressure is all that is required;
7. For hard to clean areas, cleansers that have been diluted should be strengthened;
8. After cleaning, cold water rinsing should be carried out;
9. To prevent streaking, cleaning should occur on cool/overcast days – *NOT in hot direct sunlight.*
10. All of the cleansers, when used as recommended, will not present a lethal or environmental hazard.

### CONCLUSION:

The methods described should enable consumers of *Louisiana Pacific/CanExel* to easily maintain the cleanliness of their siding panel surfaces.