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# Vinyl Siding Repair or Replace Tips

## 1. Signs Your Vinyl Siding Needs Repair

Superficial damage that's mostly cosmetic, such as small cracks, chips, and faded spots, is the perfect candidate for a quick fix. Not all cracks lead to disasters; they're like a harmless car door dent. Natural wear from sun, rain, and wind may also indicate that it's time for a touch-up.



## 2. Time for a Full Replacement?

You may not want to admit it, but when you spot large cracks, your siding may be crying for help. It could also be time for a replacement if the siding is just at the end of its life. 20-30 year old siding has outlived its purpose. Your home got great use out of that siding. Now, you can upgrade to a higher-quality product like insulated vinyl for energy efficiency.



## 3. Evaluating Cost

As you can imagine, repairing a section of siding is cheaper than replacing the whole home's exterior, but there comes a point when replacing it will be a better investment in the long run. Or if you replace the siding from the get-go, you can skip all the repairs. Don't throw a quick-fix bandaid on something that needs major surgery. It could save you thousands of dollars in the long run.



## 4. What to Consider Before Deciding

First, remember that some types of siding damage from storms, fires, or similar disasters, could be covered by insurance. Second, your climate should be a significant factor in your decision. If you live in an area where siding gets worn down quickly by wind or sediment, completely replacing siding may not be as lucrative.

## 5. Call the Experts

When in doubt, call the pros. If the decision is too hard to make, remember that a skilled contractor can recommend whether repair or replacement is the best option. They know when the scratches can be buffed and when the dents demand new panels. Plus, roof and siding contractors can give you a more accurate estimate to guide your decision.

