

# All kinds of siding can survive in state

**Q.** What are the pros and cons of the various types of siding based on Wisconsin's climate?

**A.** According to Scott Bear of Bear Builders in Shorewood, any type of siding would hold up well in Wisconsin.

"Vinyl is the most frequently used product because it is cost efficient," Bear said. "As the thickness increases from 0.038 up to 0.050, vinyl siding becomes more substantial."

Steel and aluminum siding are available in limited configurations, as both were more common in the past.

"Because of the metal used, the material cost of steel or aluminum siding is significantly more than vinyl," he said.

The latest products in the market are pre-painted cedar and cement composite siding. "While both cost more than vinyl, the products, especially the cement composite siding, hold up exceptionally," Bear said.

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