

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: Required for all buildings including detached accessory structures.*

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. Flashing shall be installed in the following locations:
 - Where exterior material meets in other than a vertical line.
 - Where the lower portion of a sloped roof stops within the plane of an intersecting wall cladding in a manner to divert water away from the assembly.
 - At the foundation and rim joist framing intersection when the exterior wall covering does not lap the foundation insulation.
- 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.

- Electrical permits are required for the replacement or reinstallation of electric meter sockets, air-conditioning disconnects, light fixtures and receptacles removed during the re-siding process.
- 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.
- Fan-fold foam insulation products are not a substitute for the water-resistive barrier (housewrap).
- 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.