

HOUSEWRAP



Tools Needed:

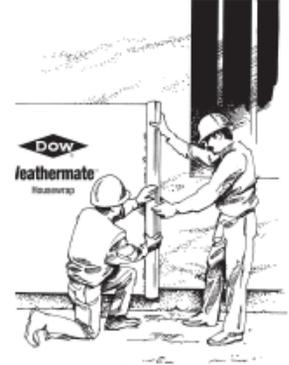
- 8' roll of house wrap
- 1" cap nails
- Hammers
- Clear Weathermate Tape
- Knives/Scissors
- Straight Edge (1x4 trim or tall level, etc)

STEPS:

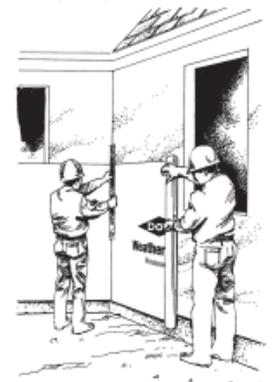
FIRST: *be sure that all necessary sheathing/nailing has been done before covering it with wrap*

- Roll out house wrap preferably starting at one end of the house.
- Make sure that the bottom of the wrap covers the very bottom of the sheathing, aim for 1" over. *It is easier to trim later than to add more*
- Nail or hold the wrap in place and begin to unroll the roll, ensuring it stays lined up with the sheathing as your roll.
- Attach the wrap to the house with 1" button caps, about ~6 per stud. *Try to have most nails go into studs- which are placed every 2'. The OSB sheathing will also hold a nail- but it creates a hazard inside the house.*
- Keep the wrap tight and straight against the house as you roll it out. *A straight object such as a stud, piece of exterior trim, or long level, can help guide you along the house and install tight into corners.*
- Overlap all horizontal and vertical seams by 6-12". *House wrap should be installed with higher pieces on top of lower pieces- allowing water to flow from the top of one to the next.*

Begin rolling wrap:



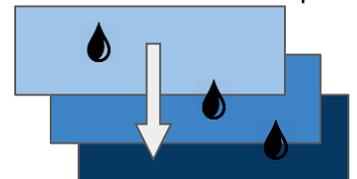
Stay tight in corners:



Overlap your pieces:



"Think like a Raindrop":



HOUSEWRAP CONINUED...

- **Extend the wrap directly over the exterior doors and windows.** *The windows will be cut out in a specific method later. Until then- wrap left over windwos gives extra weatherization to the interior. Doors should be cut open to provide interior access after the house wrap has been secured on both sides of the door.*
- **Taping of seams is not necessary unless:**
 - You have less than a 6" overlap
 - You are trying to create an air-tight house

Housewrap around windows:



EXAMPLES:

Notice how flat and straight the wrap is, how tight it is to the house and the corner. It also lines up well with the bottom of the sheathing.



The front here also looks flat and tight, however:

- The metal flashing of the porch should be under the house wrap (*see porch detail sheet*)
- The bottom of the wrap is inequally aligned with the sheathing, so the exposed OSB section will need a patch slipped under the current wrap

FUN FACTS:

- House Wrap is the Water Resistant Barrier of our houses
- It helps weatherize the house and keeps moisture/leaks out

SAFETY CONCERNS:

- Always cut away from yourself when using a utility blade
- When wrapping the second story, be careful of dropping the roll of wrap from a ladder/scaffolding
 - A safe alternative would be to take up pre-cut sections of wrap and unroll them while at height