

DECONSTRUCTION – VINYL SIDING



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Concept – Vinyl siding is an easy product to remove and takes little space to store. Salvaging vinyl siding can be quick, but coming up with matching new product to complete the job, or salvaging and reusing all of the specialized fittings and channels can complicate the process.

Attention – Siding Subcontractors, Deconstruction Crews, Materials Specialists

Action –

- Avoid cold weather, vinyl is brittle in the cold.
- Consider how much siding can store and reuse before beginning.
- If salvaging all of the siding, start at or near the top layer of siding. If only salvaging part of the siding, start lower where it is easier to access and 'unlock.'
- Pull or pry back a corner post to remove the end of the siding, and force the siding apart from the piece below it by pulling downward or using a pry bar.
- Once loose, run the bar along the gap between the two rows (like unzipping a Ziploc bag).
- Pull the nails on the lower row, then force the siding down and remove out of the way.
- Avoid putting too much pressure on the siding to prevent kinking or cracking the siding during removal.



Design

Foundation

Framing

Mechanical

Insulation / Wall

Finish

Landscape

Suggested Tools to Use:

Simple pry bar, long handled bars, nail pullers



Safety Equipment:

Hard hat, eye protection, gloves



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