

# Surface Preparation

The quality of the finished job depends on good preparation of the work surface. Check for low places in the plane of the wall and build out (shim out) of required. Prepare the entire building a few courses at a time. Securely nail all loose boards and loose wood trim. Replace any rotted boards. Scrape away old paint buildup, old caulking and hardened putty, especially around windows and doors where it might interfere with the positioning of new trim. New caulk should be applied to prevent air infiltration.

Remove downspouts and other items which would interfere with installation of new siding. Tie back shrubbery and trees from the base of the building to avoid damage to the landscaping.

Window sill extensions may be cut off so J-trim can be installed flush with window casing. Alternatively, to maintain the original window design, coil stock can be custom-formed around the sill instead of cutting away the sill extensions.

