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**RE: SIDING MANUFACTURERS REQUIRING DRAINAGE BEHIND PRODUCT**

Major siding manufacturers have recently issued drainage requirements behind their products. Drainable housewraps with a drainage efficiency of at least 90% when tested according to ASTM E2273 are now recommended or required behind certain exterior sidings.

The building code is the minimum standard legally required to construct a building. Benjamin Obdyke has always encouraged the adoption of good building practices based on science and testing. Building science experts have proven that efficient drainage assemblies maximize the life of buildings.

Minimum drainage requirements for drainable housewrap products:

- Complies with code as a water-resistive barrier
- Manufactured in a manner to enhance drainage
- Complies with minimum 90% drainage efficiency when tested to ASTM E2273

HydroGap Drainable Housewrap provides a true gap with 1mm spacers. It removes 100x more bulk water versus standard housewraps & drains 2X faster than other drainable housewraps. HydroGap also passes ASTM E2273 testing at 96%, exceeding the 90% drainage efficiency minimum recommended or required by many siding manufacturers.

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