



## Maintenance Guide for Siparila Topcoat® Siding

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### Mold and Mildew

Mold and mildew develop on many exterior surfaces due to naturally occurring spores in the environment. Though they may vary in appearance, these spores, or colonies, are typically seen as dots of blackish colour. Mold and mildew typically grow in moist or humid shaded areas. In order to ensure long-term paint performance, molds and mildew need to be regularly removed from the siding. Remove the mold by washing the area using a soft brush. You may also use a specifically designed wood siding house wash that is intended for removing molds and mildew from wood siding; please follow the instructions on the product label.

Please note that the damage caused by mold and mildew is not covered by Siparila's WARRANTY.

### Touch-up

Siparila Topcoat® is very durable but neglect, misuse, or other factors can cause chipping, scratching, or denting in the paint coating, exposing bare wood. It is very important to monitor and maintain exposed wood to avoid further damage to the siding.

To repair exposed wood, use Siparila touch-up paint and apply it with precision. Touch-up paint can be obtained from your local Siparila Topcoat® retailer. Please bear in mind that the colour of the touch up

paint may appear brighter due to natural fading of the siding's original colour over time. The correct use of products is the only way to achieve the best possible outcome.

### **Fading**

Fading is a result of the siding's continued exposure to UV rays. Fading is not a warrantable defect. As a result, fading must be factored into your maintenance schedule. The amount of fading will vary based on the colour chosen as well as the product's exposure to wind and sun. To ensure consistent appearance, plans should be made to recoat the siding upon notice of colour change. Siding must be re-painted using an appropriate Siparila approved product.

### **Natural Wood Characteristics**

Siparila Wood Siding is made from real wood meaning that a small percentage of boards may experience the following: knot lift, knot shrinkage, checking caused by raised heartwood and growth rings, and/or splitting. Such defects are rare but they may appear nevertheless. These defects are considered a part of the wood's inherent nature and are not warrantable defects. These natural characteristics do not affect the performance of the siding and can be easily repaired for appearance reasons. Should such defects occur, be sure to use Siparila recommended paint to protect any section of bare wood.

Please note that with Nordic White Wood siding some sap may surface during the warmer months of the year which can be left unaddressed or removed with a soft brush.

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