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CLADDING: A SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON



How different cladding materials stack up

Today's most popular cladding materials include vinyl siding, exterior insulation finishing system (EIFS), stucco and masonry. Here's a look at how they compare for maintenance, cleaning, durability, life cycle cost and fire safety:

	Maintenance	Cleaning	Durability	Typical Lifespan	Fire safety
Masonry (brick, block, stone)	Low, requires little-to-no upkeep	Minimal	Impact-resistant and designed for water management	100 years or more	Prevents fire from spreading, non-combustible, more than 2-hour fire resistance
Vinyl siding	High, susceptible to mold	Requires regular cleaning	Vulnerable to damage from extreme weather and projectiles	Unknown	Combustible, adds to fire load, potential toxic emissions
EIFS	High, susceptible to mildew, dirt	Requires regular cleaning	Vulnerable to damage from extreme weather, moisture and projectiles	20 – 25 years	May melt due to extreme heat from fire, does not contain fire
Stucco	Medium, may crack or need repainting	Minimal	Vulnerable to cracks, damage from projectiles	Unknown in Canadian climate	Non-combustible, fire resistance unknown

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