

The
JAMES HARDIE
ADVANTAGE

					
	FIBER CEMENT	MASONRY	VINYL	WOOD-BASED	CEDAR
FLAME RESISTANCE	High	High	Low	Low	Low
MOISTURE RESISTANCE	High	High	Medium	Low	Low
TERMITE & PEST PROTECTION	High	High	Medium	Medium	Low
CLIMATE RESISTANCE	High	High	Low	Low	Low
OVERALL RATING	★★★★★	★★★★★	★★★	★★	★

James Hardie siding and trim are both engineered for climate, so no matter where you live, you can rest assured that your investment is going to stand up to Mother Nature.

JAMES HARDIE PRODUCTS vs. VINYL

There are many reasons to choose James Hardie siding over vinyl, the first of which is appearance. James Hardie siding is over five times thicker than vinyl, allowing for deeper grooves and a more authentic wood-grain effect. The result is more elegant than vinyl (which is plastic), particularly on a historic home.

JAMES HARDIE PRODUCTS vs. WOOD

James Hardie siding is not only less expensive than wood, it won't be eaten by animals or insects. It also resists water absorption better than wood even where the manufacturer's recommended protections are followed, helping protect against mold.

When there's a fire, James Hardie siding is much better at withstanding damage, while wood goes up in flames. James Hardie siding and trim products provide more protection than wood from wet and freezing conditions as well as hot, humid weather. Wood may split, crack and deteriorate over time, while James Hardie siding resists weather damage and keeps its shape for a much longer time, which means less maintenance to worry about year after year.

JAMES HARDIE PRODUCTS vs. OSB

James Hardie fiber cement is specifically formulated to better resist damage from the very predators moisture, freezing temperature, humidity, pests and fire that pose threats to wood-based products. Oriented Strand Board (OSB), also known as wood composite or engineered wood siding, consists of wood strands bonded together under heat and pressure with a resin. When used for exterior siding, it is susceptible to rotting from water damage. The bottom edges of OSB can expand and split over time where exposed to cyclic wet and freezing conditions.

