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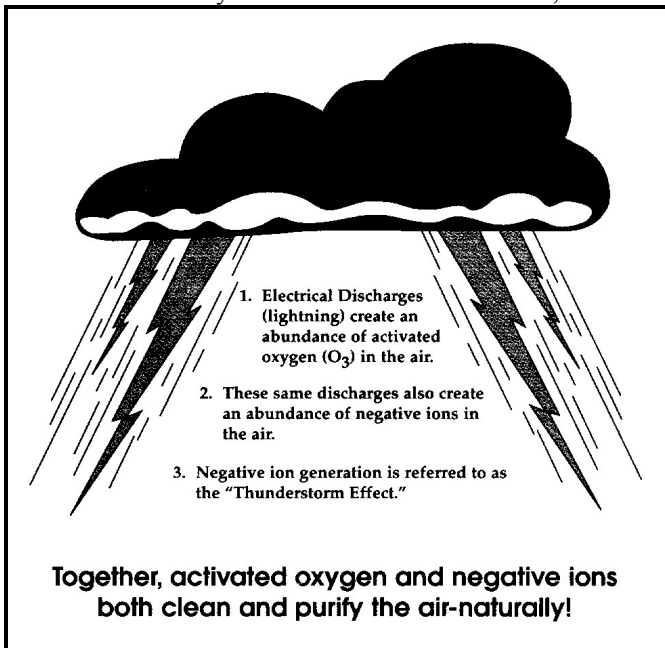
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Q & A

Problems Removing Odors?

Our den has a severe odor problem from our cats. We have tried every kind of cleaning we know about, to no avail. Can you help - short of replacing the carpet?

Until recently, I would not have had an answer for your odor problem. Just recently I found out about a machine that is unique in the way it cleans. It is an air purifier (not a filter) that not only cleans inside air, but eliminates odor problems. This machine is a system that uses ions and ozone, but unlike



other models, it purifies an entire house up to 3000 square feet, using a radio frequency to penetrate walls, glass and materials other than metal. It is reasonably priced and low maintenance with no subsequent costs over a ten year period. The manufacturer allows a *three day free trial* in your home or office. They have testimonial letters on file from homeowners and business people that have efficiently and easily eliminated pet odors, cigarette smoke, chemical odors, paint odors, etc. from their buildings. The machine uses the same principle that a thunderstorm does to purify outdoor air. It has many other practical uses and especially helps people with allergies or asthma. Sound too good to be true? If you would like additional information on the purifier contact Barbara Moon at 770-591-3731.

Caulking Confusion?

We will be painting our house this summer and it needs caulking. Can you tell us what type of caulk to use?

The single most important way to protect your house is to be sure all of the joints in the wood trim and siding are sealed. Think of it like *shrink wrapping* your house. By sealing all of the joints and then painting all of the wood surfaces, you have prevented any moisture from causing wood decay.

There are basically four different types of exterior caulk that are commonly used today.

SILICONIZED ACRYLIC

Used For:

- Wood, siding, masonry, metal, glass and tile

Life:

- 25 to 50 years

Price:

- \$5.00 a tube

Strengths:

- Excellent adhesion and flexibility
- Excellent weatherability
- Easy to apply
- Water cleanup
- Paintable
- Comes in different colors

Weaknesses:

- Cures slowly
- Some shrinkage

ACRYLIC LATEX

Used For:

- Wood, siding, around doors and windows

Life:

- 5 to 15 years

Price:

- \$2 to \$4 a tube

Strengths:

- Easy to apply, cures fast
- Excellent for interior use
- Easy to apply
- Water cleanup
- Paintable
- Comes in different colors

Weaknesses:

- Not for high moisture areas
- Does not bond well to metals or porous surfaces
- Does not remain flexible

BUTYL RUBBER

Used For:

- Concrete, block, brick gutters, flashing and chimneys

Life:

- 10 to 20 years

Price:

- \$3 to \$4 a tube

Strengths:

- Can be used in high moisture areas and below grade
- Paintable and comes in colors
- Excellent for aluminum siding
- Can be applied when temperature is below freezing

Weaknesses:

- Stringy when applied
- Cures slowly and high shrinkage
- Does not remain flexible
- Solvent cleanup
- Flammable

SILICONE

Used For:

- Metal, glass, tile, smooth and non-porous surfaces

Life:

- 20 to 50 years

Price:

- \$5 to \$8 a tube

Strengths:

- Good flexibility
- Least shrinkage
- Joins many dissimilar materials
- Can be applied at most temperatures
- Cures fast

Weaknesses:

- Not paintable
- Not for use on masonry
- Poor performance on cedar and redwood
- Smelly; irritating odor during application
- Solvent cleanup

If you are unsure about what type of caulk to use, ask your building center or paint store for expert advise. Remember, it is better to purchase the best type of caulking available so you will not have to repeat the process very often.

Source: The Family Handyman Magazine

Louisiana-Pacific Class Action Update

The Class Action against Louisiana-Pacific was approved on April 22, 1996 by Judge Jones. The action allowed more benefits for owners of homes and other structures with Inner-Seal exterior siding installed between 1985 and 1995. An independent Claims Adjuster will inspect your siding for damage and defects. If you think you have Louisiana-Pacific Inner-Seal siding, call 1-800-245-2722 for an update and for more information.

If you have a question, change of address, comment, home tip or would like to send *Home Tips* to your clients, send your letter to *Home Tips*, Christian Building Inspectors, Inc., 1003 Star Court, Norcross, Georgia 30093. We reserve the right to edit questions for length.

Quote Of The Month

"THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN THE BEAUTY OF THEIR DREAMS."

- ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

A Tip Of The Hat To:

Perry Burns
The Real Estate Clearing House
Marietta, Georgia

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