



# DON'T SCREW THIS UP — STOP-THE-JOB CHECKLIST

Print this. Use it before you close walls, roof edges, or anything you won't want to reopen.

## WATER DETAILS VERIFIED (BEFORE YOU CLOSE IT UP)

- Openings flashed in the right order (sill → jambs → head).
- Roof edges + roof-to-wall intersections have a clear exit path (kick-out where needed).
- Decks/ledgers/penetrations aren't "sealed" — they're detailed to drain.

## AIR BARRIER IS CONTINUOUS (IF YOU CAN'T DRAW IT, YOU DON'T HAVE IT)

- On the plan, trace one continuous line around the whole building enclosure.
- Windows/doors/top plates/rim joists/utility penetrations are part of that same line.
- If a trade punches a hole, somebody owns sealing it that day.

## DRAINAGE PATH EXISTS (ASSUME WATER GETS BEHIND THE CLADDING)

- WRB laps 'shingle style' so water always overlaps downward.
- Weeps/vents/gaps aren't blocked by trim, tape blobs, or foam.
- At the bottom: water has somewhere to go that isn't into the foundation.

## PHOTOS TAKEN BEFORE COVERING (FUTURE-YOU WILL NEED THEM)

- Every wall. Every corner. Every penetration. Wide shot + close-up.
- Photo the "weird stuff": valleys, transitions, tubs/showers, mechanical runs.
- Save in one folder with dates (don't rely on your camera roll).

## ONE PERSON OWNS DECISIONS (NO 'KIND OF' OWNERS)

- Changes get written down (scope, cost, schedule) before work moves.
- If two people own it, nobody owns it — pick one name.
- When in doubt: stop, ask, document, then continue.

## STOP SIGNS (GET HELP — DON'T GUESS)

- Anything structural (beams, trusses, load-bearing walls).
- Anything waterproofing-critical (roof/wall/deck junctions, below-grade).
- Anything code-triggering (fire separation, egress, gas, main electrical).

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If you only remember one rule: make water boring, make air continuous, and don't hide problems behind drywall.