

TOP TEN

Mistakes to Avoid with Historic Buildings

Make sure you're not causing irreparable damage to your historic asset by doing any of the below actions to your exterior.

-  **NEVER** use corrugated metal siding.
This material is for ag and industrial buildings
-  **NEVER** use wood or vinyl siding or wood shingles.
This means no shiplap
-  **NEVER** replace large lower floor storefront display windows with smaller windows or infill a transom.
-  **NEVER** use vinyl replacement windows, fixed glass with storefront frames in place of operable windows or residential style entrance doors.
-  **NEVER** replace arched top windows with rectangular windows.
-  **NEVER** replace original wood windows that are repairable.
-  **NEVER** create a false history.
Don't make a newer building look old or add architectural elements that were not original
-  **NEVER** sandblast brick or clean brick with harsh chemicals or a very high-pressure washer.
-  **NEVER** paint unpainted brick.
This includes murals
-  **NEVER** fill window opening with masonry or wood or use windows that are smaller than the original masonry opening.

