



CHADSWORTH COLUMNS



PROPER USE OF FLASHING – INSTRUCTIONS

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Synthetic flashing is required on exterior applications utilizing decorative or wood capitals. The proper use of flashing is to install flashing over the capital by bending the flashing over the edge of the capital. When installing flashing, ventilation should never be plugged up or covered with the flashing.

The large opening in the center of the capital is designed for ventilation and should never be blocked. Additionally, a waterproof exterior caulking should be applied where the capital meets the column. The caulking acts as a sealant and helps to divert moisture from accessing the wood column.

Flashing can be used, but is not required for polyurethane or fiberglass capitals (caulking is required). Fiberglass and polyurethane capitals are impervious to rot and decay. If flashing is used in a polyurethane or fiberglass capital application, at no time should the center ventilation of the column shaft be covered.

The purpose of flashing is to protect wood or decorative capitals from the constant access of water. Flashing must be used in conjunction with caulking to act as a barrier against moisture.