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Turning Down the Heat: Protecting a Michigan Vinyl Siding from Fires by [Shania Fargo](#)

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Modern vinyl sidings have been certified by tests as indicated by the American Society for Testing and Materials. Of course, you would not light a match and set the siding on fire to find out for yourself. If you want to protect the siding from fire, take note of the tips below.

**Remove light debris:** While vinyl sidings may have a high ignition temperature, light debris such as twigs and dry leaves around it can help increase the temperature. Check the home grounds for any combustible materials that are too close or stuck to the siding. Raking the front and back yard off of dried leaves may also prove to pay off in protecting your

**Clean it regularly:** Cleaning the siding on a regular basis keeps the siding clean and prevents it from catching fire. Dust might latch onto the siding surface and might ignite when exposed to extreme heat. It does not take more than a basic soap and water solution to remove dirt, grime, or stains that can affect the aesthetic value of your home. Clean with care, though, as you do not want to have moisture problems in your siding.

**Keep away from heat:** There's nothing like a good outdoor barbecue to enjoy with friends and family as long as you keep the grill away from the siding. According to the National Fire Protection Association, the fire department responded to more than 8,000 fire calls between 2005 and 2009 as a result of barbecues and grills. Remember to place the grill at least ten meters away from the Michigan siding to avoid similar accidents.

**Act decisively:** If your siding does catch fire, remain calm and get a fire extinguisher or a bucket of water to prevent the fire from spreading. Never let a small fire grow into something bigger; otherwise, toxicity of the siding will start to develop. If it grows into something beyond your control, call the local fire station to bring the situation under control. Acting decisively can protect your Michigan vinyl siding just as it protects your home.

Fire prevention requires you, the homeowner, to do your part in protecting your home from fire destruction. Think first before you act to avert these grave disasters and keep your Michigan vinyl siding serious damage. The siding may hold out against the heat, but it will hold out much longer with your help.

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