

## BEST PRACTICES

# INSTALLING TORO MANUFACTURED STONE VENEER

Toro Stone fully recommends that our manufactured stone veneer be installed in accordance with the **CMHA MSV Installation Guide** compliant with ASTM C1780.

We also have some of our own best practices that we recommend that fall in line with the CMHA MSV Installation Guide. These best practices can ensure that your project withstands the test of time and will consistently leave you with a happy customer.

### ENSURE PROPER WALL PREPARATION

Start with a clean, structurally sound wall, ensuring proper surface preparation for optimal mortar bond.

### INSTALL LATH CORRECTLY

Apply lath horizontally with cups facing up to hold mortar, ensuring it's properly secured with the correct amount of fasteners.



### ENSURE FULL MORTAR COVERAGE

Achieve full coverage on the back of each stone to ensure the stone adheres well to the wall.

### APPLY A PROPER SCRATCH COAT

A half-inch mortar bed for a scratch coat, fully encapsulating the lath, is crucial for a strong mechanical bond.



### MIND THE WEATHER

Adjust the installation process based on the environment to ensure the mortar sets properly—moist in hot climates for adherence, and above freezing temperatures in cold climates.



### UTILIZE RAINSCREEN TECHNOLOGY

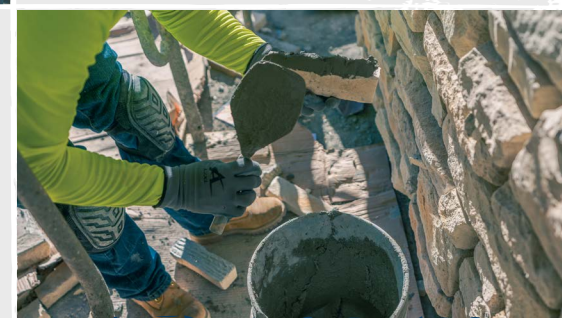
Implementing a rainscreen system as recommended can significantly enhance the veneer's longevity and performance, especially in moisture-prone areas.

### CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

Utilize appropriate cleaning techniques with mild detergent and soft brushes to maintain the appearance and integrity of the stone veneer over time.

### SEALING

Consider sealing the stone veneer in high moisture or splash zones to protect against water absorption and staining.



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