

Tips & Tricks

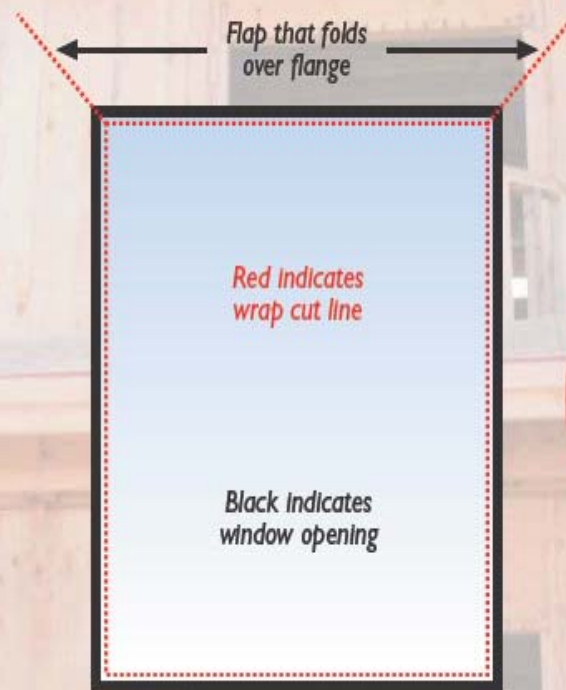
A weather-tight seal: Integrating the weather-resistant barrier during window installation

When installing windows in new construction or replacement windows, pay special attention to the weather-resistant barrier (WRB). It is important to properly integrate the WRB into the installation to make sure outside moisture and air are not channeled into the home. A common error is to fold the WRB into the house. If you do that, it's like tucking your rain coat in your pants. If the WRB is folded into the structure, use the modified "O" Cut instead. Here's how:

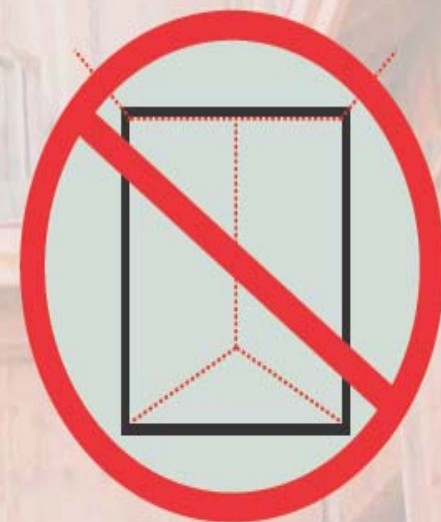
1. First, cut the WRB around the opening, staying even with the rough frame.

2. At the header corners, make 45° cuts up and away from the window to create a flap. Tape the flap out of the way while you install the window using the OSI® WINTeQ™ System installation method or follow the window manufacturer's instructions.

3. Once the window is installed, pull the flap down over the nailing flange and tape in place. This allows for proper water-shedding.



Modified "O"



Modified "I"