



Company stands ready to cover almost anything

Fast Wrap says plastic film provides at least 12 months' protection from sun's rays

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When Alicia and Sal Perry head to Arizona each winter, the retired couple leave a few thousand dollars worth of patio furniture unattended for months.

"There was always a concern that when we come back in late winter or early spring, those things

might be damaged from rain or wind or just the desert sun," Alicia said.

That's why the North Las Vegas couple said they were pleased to discover Fast Wrap, 3642 Penny Cross Drive, a company that uses shrink wrap to protect both large and small property items from environmental factors.

"It's an ingenious idea," Sal said. "I wish I'd come up with it."

Ron Riecks owns Fast Wrap franchises in Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico, three of 13 states in which the company operates. Corporate headquarters are in Reno.

"There is a market for this service that I don't think people realized was there before," he said.

Riecks opened a North Las Vegas outlet of Fast Wrap this year.



photos special to viewTop, workers place Fast Wrap protective plastic around a load of



special to viewA piece of power plant equipment shrink-wrapped in plastic film by Fast Wrap sits at an industrial park at 5350 Donovan Way in North Las Vegas last month.

"I think in the southwestern United States, and in Las Vegas in particular, people learn to live with certain things like the weather and the damage UV rays and wind can take on outside furniture, RVs, boats or even your vehicle," he said.

Riecks said the wrap his company uses is designed to provide at least 12 months of protection from the sun's rays and wind. The wrap is made from durable plastics.

Riecks said he has seen an increase in the number of customers requesting that their roof be wrapped.

"Winds can get pretty hectic here in Vegas, and it isn't unheard of for tile to blow off your roof," he said. "One of the things that sets us apart, also, is that we are a mobile service and you can get in touch with us anytime. We will come out night or day if you're having an issue."

Riecks said the film used in the process is 100 percent recyclable.

"We don't just get residential customers," he said. "I've been getting calls lately from people who are storing industrial equipment outside and need to make sure it is kept in good condition."

Riecks said the cost for the service varies but usually comes out to be approximately \$25 per square foot.

"I'd say that it is well worth it," Sal said. "I stumbled across the service on the Internet. But I tell all of my friends about it and recommend using it because we have been nothing but satisfied. We were only gone about six weeks this year but returned to find our furniture safe, dry and beautiful. That, to me, is a weight off my mind."

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