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What to Do With Unfinished Homes? Shrink-Wrap

What's a developer or bank to do with unfinished homes?

A few months ago, we wrote about a Texas bank that had [demolished](#) 16 homes in the California desert. Now, a Reno, Nev.-based operation is proposing a novel solution: shrink-wrap them.

Fast Wrap is pitching its plastic wrap solution to minimize exposure to the elements, including humidity, that can rot wood and rust metal in unfinished and empty homes and condo developments, as [South Florida's Real Deal reports](#).

Fast Wrap covers the unfinished structure in a thin sheet of plastic, sealing off buildings from exposure to the corroding effects of weather or to keep out unwelcome critters or squatters. "It looks like a plastic house," franchise operator Mike Enos tells the Real Deal. "When we put them in neighborhoods, everybody wants to keep them, not only their kids out of neighboring residences, but anybody else that might come in to steal or salvage, like for copper."

The shrink-wrapping is used primarily for uncompleted homes, since existing homes don't face the same risks. So far, the company — which also wraps boats and outdoor equipment such as recreational vehicles, construction equipment — says it's wrapped up three homes and is working with a Pennsylvania group to begin covering up 240 homes in the Northeast.



Fast Wrap

A shrink-wrapped boat.

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