Sidewall Insulation Demonstration

Ed Gerardot: A lot of homes built before the fifties probably have – in the fifties they were probably starting to put some insulation in them. Before that, probably not. It’s one of those dual outcome activities where we’re adding an R value to the wall that in the way they’re putting insulation in by shoving the tube up into the wall and putting it in really tight also has an air sealing impact as well.

Carl Beal: We pulled siding in the big areas above the windows…it’s harder to pull siding than it is to just drill a one inch hole, so we drill one inch holes above the windows and we can take a nozzle like this and flow in the cellulose the same way to insulate the rest of the wall cavities that we couldn’t get.

Brock Ehmer: The auditor basically can only tell me if he found insulation in the wall when he did a test hole or not and what kind of siding it is or what kind of siding may be under the visible siding. That’s about all he can tell me. Through the side walls I encounter all the problems that may be there. There’s only one way to find out if there’s a fire block in a wall and that’s to get into there and probe for it or you find it with your hose when you’re going up. Suddenly realize you can’t up as far as you thought you would. Angle braces are the same way, the only way to know if they’re there, and if they are truly going to cause a problem for you, it’s the hard way – the only way you’ll find out.