**MILL CREEK COLORS**

Duron paints and stains were used on Mill Creek homes originally. Duron is no longer in business and Sherwin Williams is where the original colors are available in a binder. "Stain" is the term for house colors used on cedar siding, and "paint" is the term for door color and trim color on windows and doors. Over the past 20 years, as homeowners have tried to match the approved colors, the colors have sometimes shifted from the original, intended colors. Mill Creek Covenants require homeowners to use colors from the approved list. The HOA Board will review houses that are not in compliance with the Covenants.

Homeowners have two options when planning to stain/paint their houses.

**OPTION 1:** Use approved Mill Creek stain/paint colors.

* Prior approval by the HOA Board is not needed to use an approved color.
* Door and window trim paint colors may be changed without HOA Board approval if they are on the approved list of colors
* Structures such as sheds must match the siding color of the house.
* According to the Mill Creek Covenants, homeowners may not use the same siding color as used on the neighboring houses on either side.

Duron products in approved Mill Creek colors are available through Sherwin-Williams stores. There are two locations in Charlottesville: 975 Seminole Trail and 2115 Berkmar Drive. Both have sample binders containing the approved Mill Creek colors. The store will retain a homeowner’s stain/paint formulas in its database, and the staff is knowledgeable and helpful. Mill Creek residents may receive a 10% discount, so definitely ask about it.

**OPTION 2:** Use non-Duron stains/paints.

* Homeowners are strongly encouraged to select Duron stains/paints from the approved list. No approval is needed from the Architectural Review Committee to use the approved Duron colors.
* If homeowners want to use non-Duron stains/paints that match the approved Duron color list, special approval must be given by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) before the painting is done. This applies to non-Duron stains/paints (such as Olympic) that have been listed on the website in the past.
* Send a request and submit a **physical sample** to the Committee.
  + Email the Architectural Review Committee at [arc@millcreekclassic.org](mailto:arc@millcreekclassic.org) **at least** 30 days before painting is to be done.
  + According to the Mill Creek Covenants, the ARC has 30 days to give a decision; the 30-day period begins when the physical sample is submitted.
* The Committee will compare the physical sample with the approved Duron color. If they match, the non-Duron paint color will be approved; if they do not match, the color will not be approved.
* According to Mill Creek Covenants, homeowners may not use the same siding color as used on the neighboring houses on either side.

**MILL CREEK HOA APPROVED COLORS**

The Duron stain and paint colors must be used as listed in the categories shown. For example, a door or trim color cannot be used as a siding color.

**Approved Siding Colors: Duron Solid Stain**

Sandpiper Tidewater Sand Beige

Pebble Sea Cliff Bark Brown

Cape Cod Gray Shore Beige Heritage Blue

**Approved for Doors and Trim on Windows and Doors: Exterior Acrylic Latex**

Pittsfield Buff Semple House Brown Market Square Tavern Shell

Gloucester Sage Townsend Harbor Brown Market Square Tavern Dark Green

Draper House Green Chownings Tavern Brown Campbells Tavern Charcoal Brown

Bracken House Blue Slate Burdett Ordinary Black Green

**For Window Trim and Door Trim Only—additional approved colors**

Navajo White Governors Palace Tan Baltic Gray

Old Salem Gray Richmond Gray

**For Doors Only – additional approved colors**

Deepness Nicolson Shop Red Purdie House Gray

**Approved mailbox color**

Shore Beige

All colors can be seen at the Sherwin-Williams store or contact the Architectural Review Committee to view a sample book.