



Seasonal Log Cabin Maintenance Checklist

Stay ahead of weather, wear, and time with this simple seasonal upkeep guide for your log home.

Spring

- Inspect logs for cracks, discoloration, or shifting after winter.
- Check caulking and sealants for gaps or wear.
- Clean gutters and ensure proper water drainage.
- Wash exterior logs with gentle wood cleaner.
- Trim back shrubs or plants near foundation for airflow.
- Inspect for insect activity (carpenter bees, termites, ants).

Summer

- Apply or touch up stain/sealant if needed to prevent UV damage.
- Ensure roof overhangs are directing water away from the home.
- Check attic and crawlspace ventilation for moisture buildup.
- Power-wash logs only if preparing for refinishing.
- Look for signs of sun bleaching or wood drying.



Fall

- Recheck gutters and downspouts—clear debris from leaves.
- Test and repair exterior chinking before cold sets in.
- Walk the perimeter to ensure the “dry zone” is free of pooled water.
- Inspect caulking/sealant again for end-of-season gaps.
- Schedule re-staining or refinishing if overdue.

Winter

- Remove snow build-up from around base/foundation.
- Monitor interior walls for signs of drafts or shifting.
- Check for condensation around windows and doors.
- Walkthrough inspection after snowstorms for moisture or log movement.
- Keep firewood stacked away from the cabin to prevent pest intrusion.

Every 2–3 Years

- Fully re-chink or reseal where needed.
- Reapply full exterior protective stain or finish.
- Deep clean and condition logs (especially in high-sun or high-moisture areas).
- Consider professional inspection for settling or structural shifts.

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